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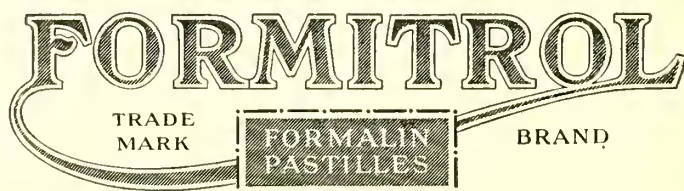






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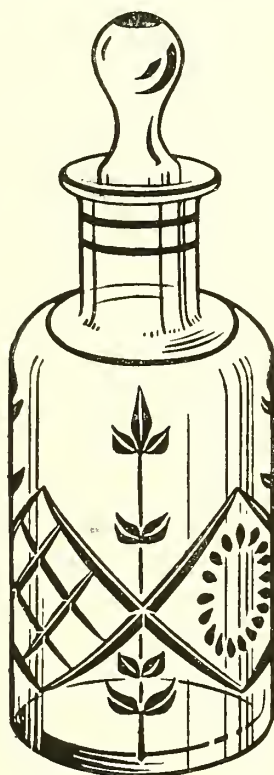
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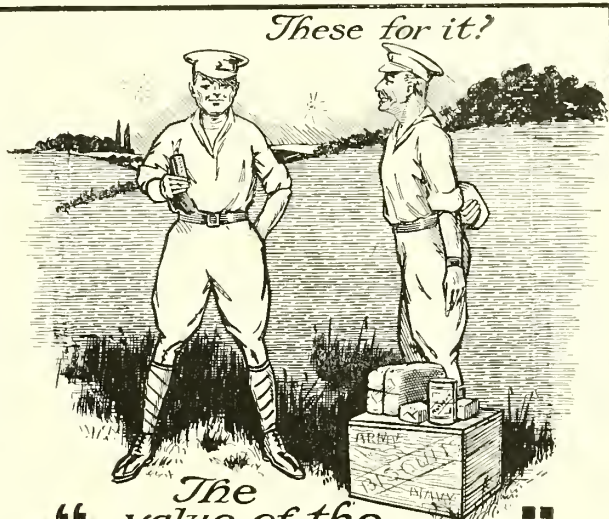
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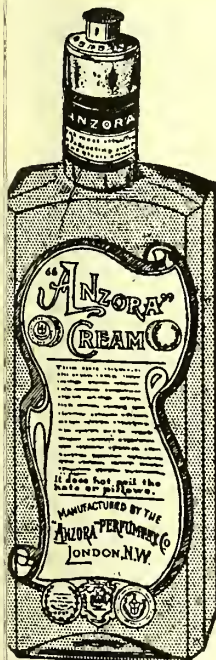
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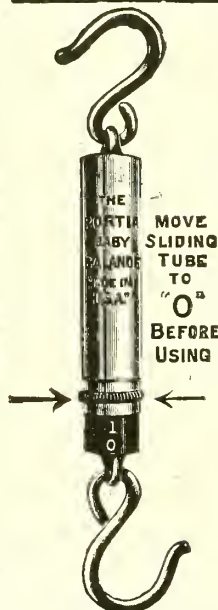
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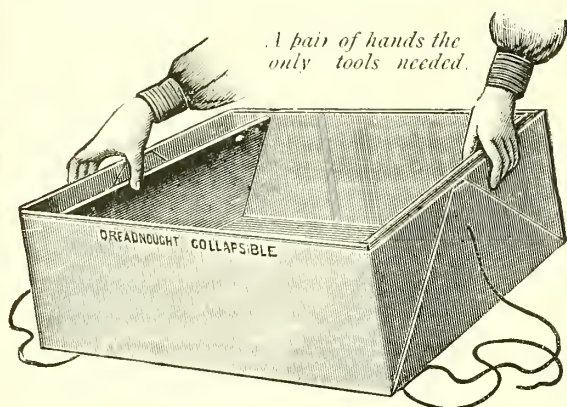
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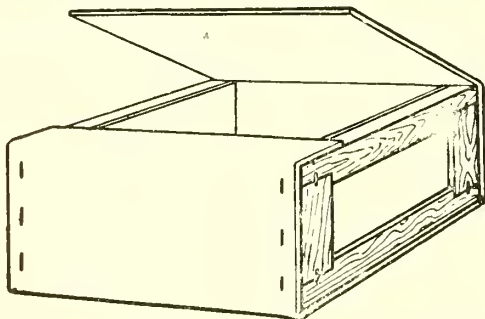
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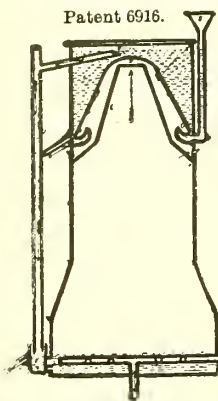
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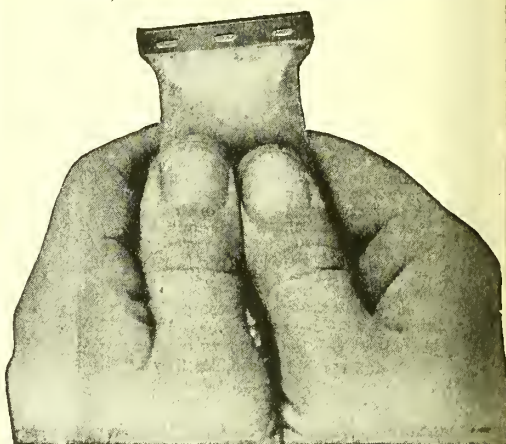
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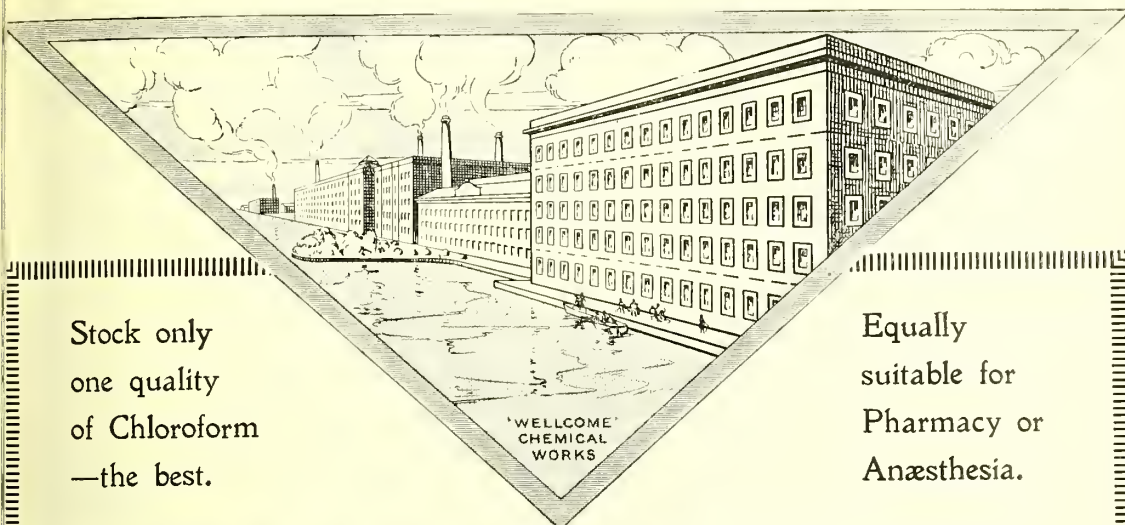
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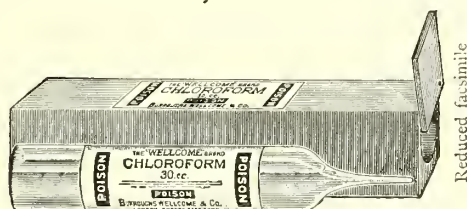
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(War News from the "C. & D.," February 13, 1915.)

The twenty-first list in the Pharmaceutical Roll of  
Honour was published, and it was longer than usual. Sir  
Lauder Brunton's and Lieutenant-Colonel Monckton Cope-  
man's recommendations for combating trench vermin were  
given. Belgian refugee pharmacists were still being assisted  
to obtain employment in this country, and we chronicled  
the progress of the Belgian Doctors' and Pharmacists'  
Relief Fund. The difficulties of sending goods to Russia  
had increased owing to inadequate facilities in Sweden  
for the traffic. We published experience of the war from  
correspondents in Rhodesia and Flanders.

### Pharmaceutical Roll of Honour.

*Non sibi sed patriæ.*—CICERO.

#### SEVENTY-THIRD LIST.

HENRY, Private WALTER (formerly with Mr. Woodside,  
Ph.C., Ballymena, co. Antrim), Royal Engineers.

HUGHES, Lieutenant H. (Navy), late of Twickenham and  
Bath.

LORD, Private ROBERT (lately assistant with Mr. W. E.  
Mason, pharmacist, Brixton), 25th London (Cyclists).

ORR, GEORGE, pharmacist (lately assistant with Mr. J.  
Macintyre, North Berwick), R.A.M.C.

REID, Private HUGH (lately apprentice with Mr. H.  
Lancashire, Ph.C., Ballymena, co. Antrim), 20th Royal Irish  
Rifles.

From the staff of Mr. Walter Aston, Ph.C., Worthing,  
the following have joined the Colours, and are either on  
active service or enrolled in the Army Reserve: Norman  
Aston, Frank Simmons, Cyril Henry, Bernard E. Martin,  
Harry Hoad, F. J. Knowles, Harry Budd, and F. Day.

#### Export Notices.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.—According to a Decree of January 14  
the following have been added to the list of articles the  
exportation of which from Austria-Hungary is prohibited:  
All compounds of sulphur, including sulphates, sulphides,  
and hyposulphites, saffron, and different fruits, such as  
dates.

ITALY.—The Italian Minister of Finance has been autho-  
rised to allow the duty-free importation into Italy up to  
June 30, 1916, of tea-residues to be employed in the manu-  
facture of caffeine.

NETHERLANDS.—A Royal Decree of January 8 prohibits  
the exportation of rubber, gutta-percha, and articles  
thereof from Holland.

RUSSIA.—The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the  
Foreign Office, of information to the effect that, according to  
the official "Trade Gazette" of Petrograd for December 23  
(January 5), the Minister of Finance has prohibited the  
exportation, *via* all frontiers of the Russian Empire, of  
aniline dyes and dyeing-substances of all kinds, except  
mineral and earth dyes and oxide of iron. Exemptions  
may, however, be accorded by the Minister of Finance in  
favour of Allied and friendly countries.

#### Trading with the Enemy Amendment Act, 1916.

The Board of Trade have appointed Mr. Ernest R.  
Moon, C.B., K.C. (Chairman), the Hon. John D. Fitz-  
Gerald, K.C., Sir George Croydon Marks, M.P., and Mr.  
Gershom Stewart, M.P., to be a Committee to advise them  
on matters arising under the Trading with the Enemy  
Amendment Act, 1916. The Secretary to the Committee is  
Mr. W. P. Bowyer. All communications should be  
addressed to the Board of Trade, 38-39 Parliament Street,  
London, S.W.

#### Enemy Agents Abroad.

The Board of Trade call the attention of shipowners and  
merchants to the numerous cases of fire and explosion which  
have occurred under circumstances pointing to foul play,  
not only on British ships, but also on neutral ships carrying  
cargoes on British account or to the United Kingdom.  
Great ingenuity is used by our enemy agents, and in one  
instance it was found that wood used for packing-purposes  
had been so treated as to burst into flame under the slightest  
friction. Shipowners and merchants, and all persons  
interested in the shipment of cargo at foreign ports, are  
advised to satisfy themselves that no firm in which there  
is any enemy interest shall have anything to do with the  
handling of the ship or cargo in which they are interested.

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### Notice to Importers.

The Board of Customs and Excise hereby give notice as follows: I. In pursuance of their powers in that behalf, the Board of Customs and Excise have directed that, on and after February 9, 1916, the importer of any goods, or his agent, may be required to insert in the form used for making entry of the goods on importation, the name and address of the consignor of the goods as well as the name and address of the importer of the goods. For the purpose of this requirement the consignor is the last owner at the place from which the goods were procured; and the importer is the person by whom the goods were so procured from the consignor. II. Save as excepted in Paragraph III. of this notice, the requirement set forth in Paragraph I. will extend to all imported goods, whether liable to duties of Customs or not, and whether entered for home use or for warehousing. III. The requirement set forth in Paragraph I. will not for the present be enforced as respects imported goods consigned from British Possessions or Protectorates. The Board of Customs and Excise may nevertheless at any time enforce the requirement as set forth in Paragraph I. as respects any or all of the cases now excepted.

### Warning to Exporters.

The Board of Trade warn exporters of articles to Switzerland, the exportation of which from the United Kingdom to that country is not prohibited, that, although a licence for such goods is not required, they should take every precaution to ascertain that the consignee is not a person or house of enemy nationality domiciled in Switzerland, since the fact of such enemy destination might entail a refusal by the French railway company to carry the goods, owing to the French law which prohibits all transactions with enemy subjects wherever domiciled. This notice does not apply to any non-prohibited articles which, by virtue of the Royal Proclamation of December 22, are required to be consigned to the Société Suisse de Surveillance Economique.

### Personalia.

CORPORAL B. S. CLARKE, R.A.M.C., 2/3rd West Riding, has been gazetted second-lieutenant in the 3/4th York and Lancaster (T.F.) Regiment. He was apprenticed to Mr. J. Preston, Sheffield.

PRIVATE G. H. NEEDHAM, R.A.M.C., 1/3rd West Riding, has just been awarded the D.C.M. He was apprenticed to Mr. F. G. Roebuck, Millhouses, Sheffield, and was afterwards assistant to Mr. J. Preston, Sheffield.

THE following members of the staff of Taylors' Drug Co., Ltd., who were on active service, have lost their lives in the war: Private D. Denby (Bridlington), Private J. Cummings (Hull), and Private Dobby (Leeds). The following have also been wounded or contracted illnesses on active service: Lance-Corporal J. Mills (Middlesbrough), Acting-Sergeant Pimlott (Leeds), Private E. N. Mitchell (Harrogate), Private E. Attwood (Middlesbrough), and Sergeant Lindley (Leeds).

### Miscellaneous.

BELGIAN DOCTORS' AND PHARMACISTS' RELIEF FUND.—The following has been received during the past week: Australasian Pharmaceutical Conference (final contribution), 127l.

ACETONE has been classified as an important constituent of military explosives, and dealings in it are now subject to the restrictions imposed under Defence of the Realm Regulation 30 A.

ARMENIAN REFUGEES.—Miss Emily J. Robinson, 35A Elsham Road, Kensington, London, W., is appealing for quinine, disinfectants, and sprays for the use of the American Relief Commission at Tiflis, which organisation is succouring Armenian refugees.

AIR-RAID DAMAGE.—A meeting of representatives of local authorities was held at the Mansion House, London, E.C., under the chairmanship of the Lord Mayor, to urge upon the Government the desirability of making a national charge of damage done by hostile aircraft. It is hoped to send a deputation to the President of the Board of Trade.

CONSIGNMENT TO CONSULS.—The attention of the Board of Trade has been called to a practice on the part of shippers of consigning their goods to British Consular officers in Greece and sending to them bills of lading and invoices for delivery to third parties, and even requesting them to make arrangements for transshipment where necessary. It is impossible for these officers, who are already overburdened with other duties, to undertake work of this character, and shippers are accordingly warned not to consign their goods to them unless expressly so authorised or directed by H.M. Government.

## Corner for Students.

Conducted by Leonard Dobbin, Ph.D.

Communications should be addressed "Corner for Students, the Chemist and Druggist," 42 Cannon Street, London, E.C.

### Report on the January Analytical Exercise.

THE powder distributed to students on January 11 contained 3 parts, by weight, of potassium aluminium sulphate (potassium alum), 1 part of zinc hydroxycarbonate, and 1 part of magnesium hydroxycarbonate. The calculated composition of such a mixture is:

|                  |     |     |     |     |       |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Al               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3.4   |
| Zn               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11.5  |
| Mg               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5.1   |
| K                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5.0   |
| SO <sub>4</sub>  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24.3  |
| CO <sub>3</sub>  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12.9  |
| OH               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5.7   |
| H <sub>2</sub> O | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32.1  |
|                  |     |     |     |     | 100.0 |

The powder also contained as impurity a well-marked trace of manganese, and it gave faint indications of traces of iron and chlorine—both of the latter being little more than recognisable.

Samples of the powder were distributed to fifty-two students, and thirty-five reports were sent in for examination. Zinc and the sulphuric-acid radical were detected by all our correspondents. The failures in the detection of the other main constituents were: Aluminium, 3; magnesium, 15; potassium, 2; carbonic-acid radical, 1. Seven students failed to observe the copious evolution of water when a powder was heated in a dry test-tube, while only five reported the manganese which was present as a slight impurity.

This exercise was designed as a non-phosphate mixture which should resemble the December phosphate mixture so far as the metallic radicals—except ammonium—were concerned. The absence of the phosphoric-acid radical materially simplified the present analysis and, as a result, the proportion of high scores has risen. Among the students who have not obtained ninety marks or over, the most conspicuous feature is the very frequent failure to detect magnesium. The proportion of this metal present was not small, and with due precautions it should have escaped detection. It is usually advisable to concentrate by evaporation the filtrate which is to be tested for magnesium by means of sodium or ammonium phosphate and due time should be allowed for the separation of the precipitate. It is, indeed, often advantageous to evaporate the filtrate to dryness and ignite to destroy ammonium salts, next to dissolve the residue in water, add one or two drops of dilute hydrochloric acid, filtering if necessary, and then to add ammonium chloride, ammonium in slight excess, and sodium or ammonium phosphate. The rapid deposition of ammonium magnesium phosphate from those parts of the inside of the containing vessel which have been lightly rubbed, below the level of the liquid with a glass rod, is a valuable aid in arriving at a conclusion when magnesium is actually present.

The manganese present as impurity was easily detected when an appropriate test was applied. Fusion of the powder with sodium carbonate and potassium nitrate on platinum foil or a looped platinum wire gave a pale distinct green manganate coloration, while the test on boiling the powder with lead peroxide and dilute nitric acid gave a solution with an unmistakable permanganate coloration. Few students applied either of these tests.

The chloride commonly reported as yielding a curdy precipitate with silver nitrate must have been introduced by impure reagents, since the trace of a chloride which the powder actually contained was barely recognisable. Ordinary sodium carbonate nearly always contains chloride, hence the sample to be used in testing for acid radicals should itself be tested, and rejected if not chloride-free.

In examining an unknown substance for mere traces of iron, it is often sufficient (as in the present instance) to dissolve the substance in dilute nitric acid and to add potassium thiocyanate to the solution, which should be cold. When a solution of potassium ferrocyanide is employed as a test for traces of iron, it is essential that the solution should be freshly prepared, and that the acid liquid to which it is added should be cold. Several students reported considerable traces of iron on the strength of indications which must have been mainly due to the effects of acid liquids on old ferrocyanide solutions.



## PRIZES.

The First Prize for the best analysis has been awarded to SYDNEY W. HESTER, 19 Church Road, Crumpsall, Manchester.

The Second Prize has been awarded to

E. WILLIAM JONES, 191 Wilmslow Road, Rusholme, Manchester.

First Prize.—Any scientific book that is published at a price not greatly exceeding half-a-guinea may be taken as a prize.

Second Prize.—Any scientific book which is sold for about 25 shillings may be taken as a second prize.

The students to whom prizes are awarded are requested to write at once to the Publisher naming the book or books they select.

## MARKS AWARDED FOR ANALYSES.

Correspondents who are unqualified:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|----|
| S. W. Hester (1st prize) 99 | Altior ... ..          | 84 |
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| I. H. G. ... ..             | A. Scott ... ..        | 65 |
| Cx ... ..                   | R. M. ... ..           | 64 |
| C Marsh ... ..              | Xenophen ... ..        | 62 |
| Cium ... ..                 |                        | 85 |

Correspondents who are qualified:

|          |                  |    |
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| A ... .. | 85 Nitrox ... .. | 99 |
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## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

IRUM.—It is not sufficient merely to evaporate to dry the filtrate which may contain potassium: the dry residue should be ignited to destroy ammonium salts, since the latter may yield a precipitate with sodium bitartrate (or tartaric acid) which resembles that produced by a potassium salt.

BRINDLE.—It is remarkable that you failed to obtain the manganese reaction for manganese, since that is the most delicate dry-way test for the metal, and we found no difficulty in obtaining very distinct indications.

UNQUALIFIED.—Having obtained a faint indication of manganese in the borax-bead test, it is unfortunate that you did not apply the more delicate dry-way test by fusion with sodium carbonate and potassium nitrate. No advantage was gained in this instance by analysing separately the aqueous and the hydrochloric-acid solutions derived from the original powder. The latter of these solutions was too sparingly treated in your report.

H. G.—The calcium you reported must have come from the reagent or impure reagents: we failed to detect any in the powder.

YX.—We failed to obtain any reactions resembling those of oxalate either with calcium chloride or with potassium permanganate, and we are at a loss to understand how you obtained the positive results you report. A small quantity of the original powder gave a very distinct reaction for manganese when heated with dilute nitric acid and lead peroxide.

MARSH.—The well-marked reactions for sodium and for iron must have been due to the presence of these substances as impurities in some of the reagents you employed.

ROLI.—We were not able to confirm the presence of the trace of a nitrate which you and several other correspondents reported.

SIMPLICITAS II.—Note that the formation of a sulphide by heating an unknown substance on charcoal does not prove the presence of a sulphate: it only proves the presence of sulphur either free or in some form of combination. See also the second sentence of the reply to "Unqualified."

CKER.—The picric-acid test for potassium is much inferior in delicacy to Carnot's test (sodium bismuth thio-sulphate used in alcohol solution).

ATORY.—Apply the ethyl-acetate test for acetates to mixtures containing an acetate in varying proportions, and not at all, so as to ascertain what to expect in unknown substances.

LLSIT.—We did not succeed in getting indications of an ammonium salt by using the tests you describe. See in the general remarks the observations on the use of potassium ferrocyanide as a test for iron.

CATECHU.—The chlorine evolved when the powder was heated with sulphuric acid and manganese dioxide must have been due to chloride present as impurity in the latter reagent.

YUB-DUBS.—Try to get rid of the idea that a chloride can yield chlorine when heated with sulphuric acid: in the absence of an oxidising-agent, only hydrochloric acid can be liberated.

DROFFLIC.—The method you adopted of boiling the powder with water and sodium carbonate, filtering, testing the filtrate for acid radicals, and dissolving the precipitate in hydrochloric acid and testing the resulting solution for metallic radicals, is not to be commended for routine procedure: in any case it requires to be employed with wider knowledge of its essential features than you have brought to bear upon it. Thus you tested for potassium (and you report finding it) in the hydrochloric-acid solution, where it should not have been if the method had been properly carried out, and you omitted to test for it in the original sodium-carbonate filtrate, where, under proper conditions of working, it ought to have been.

A. SCOTT and R. M.—The phosphoric-acid radical was not present, but, if it had been, your method of carrying out the "acetate" separation would have failed hopelessly, since the sodium acetate and acetic acid should have been added before the ferric chloride, not after it, as it appears from your report that you suppose.

XENOPHEN.—Examine the behaviour of your solution of ammonium molybdate with solutions containing, and with others free from, the phosphoric-acid radical.

AZO.—See the first sentence of the reply to "Simplicitas II."

## Chemical Society.

A MEETING was held on February 3 at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W. The chair was occupied by the President (Dr. Alexander Scott, F.R.S.), and there was a very good attendance. Professor W. H. Bragg, F.R.S., delivered a most interesting lecture on *Recent Work on X Rays and Crystals and their Bearing on Chemistry*. The basis of the work was laid by Van Laver when he discovered that crystals could behave towards x rays as a diffraction grating does towards ordinary light. The subject really resolves itself into the study of the reflection of homogeneous rays from a series of parallel planes. In the special case the rays are those emitted from a rhodium anti-kathode in an x-ray bulb. Further, it is based on the simplest ideas of interference. The actual planes which reflect are the planes of atoms in a crystal, and it is found that the distance between these planes is of the same order as the wave-length of the x rays. Thus the successive reflections come from planes, the distance between the reflections being one wave-length. This effect is not the same as the interference of ordinary light, since the positions of the various reflections are definite and may be accurately measured. The measurement is carried out by allowing the reflected rays to pass into a tube of methyl bromide, and the electricity developed by the resulting ionisation is detected by means of an electroscope observed with a microscope. Using this instrument it is possible to measure the angle at which the different planes reflect and therefrom calculate the distance between the planes. By careful consideration of the various ways in which the atoms can arrange themselves as a crystal, taking into consideration the measurements obtained, it is found that they dispose themselves in the same form as would a pile of shot. A curious difference is found in some isomorphous substances. Thus in the case of potassium and sodium chloride, although the measurements show that both crystals have the same symmetry, yet in the case of potassium chloride the intensity of the reflections from the various planes is the same, while with sodium chloride strong reflections alternate with weak. The explanation of this is found in the fact that the amount of rays reflected depends on the weight of the atoms. Now, while both potassium and chlorine are approximately equal in weight, sodium and chlorine differ considerably, hence the difference in intensity between the reflections for the sodium planes and the chlorine planes. An indication is also given of the fact that the atoms are not at rest, since when a crystal is warmed the intensity of the reflection diminishes owing to the increased rate of vibration of the atoms forming the reflecting planes.

REOSTATS, which before the war were mostly imported from Germany to this country, are now being made here of first-class material and workmanship of a high grade.



## English and Welsh News.

Subscribers are invited to send to the Editor newspapers containing matters of trade interest. The items should be indicated.

### Duties of Doctors.

The report adopted by the Royal College of Physicians as to the duties of medical practitioners in cases of criminal abortion was printed in the *C. & D.*, July 31, 1915, p. 123. Since then the College has been advised on the legal question as follows:

1. That the medical practitioner is under no legal obligation either to urge the patient to make a statement or, if she refuses to do so, to take any further action.

2. That when a patient who is dangerously ill consents to give evidence her statement may be taken in one of the following ways:

(a) A magistrate may visit her to receive her deposition on oath or affirmation. Even if criminal proceedings have not already been instituted, her deposition will be admissible in evidence in the event of her death, provided that reasonable written notice of the intention to take her statement was served on the accused person, and he or his legal adviser had full opportunity of cross-examining.

(b) If the patient has an unqualified belief that she will shortly die, and only in these circumstances, her dying declaration will be admissible. Such a declaration may be made to the medical practitioner or to any other person. It need not be in writing, and, if reduced into writing it need not be signed by the patient nor witnessed by any other person, though it is desirable that both should be done, or that if the patient is unable to sign she should make her mark. If possible, the declaration should be in the actual words of the patient, and if questions are put, the questions and answers should both be given, but this is not essential. If the declaration cannot there and then be reduced into writing it is desirable that the person to whom it is made should make a complete note of it as soon as possible.

### Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

In the borough of Southwark during the last quarter twenty-two samples of drugs were analysed, all being certified as genuine.

The Deptford Borough Council has suggested to the medical officer that the maximum number of samples for analysis taken yearly should not exceed 400. The appointment of Mr. H. G. Harrison as public analyst for Deptford has been approved by the L.G.B.

The Salford borough analyst reports that he has examined 281 samples, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, including seven samples of ammoniated tincture of quinine, five of castor oil, three of glycerin, and one of camphorated oil. None of the drugs was adulterated.

The report of the public analysts for the East Riding for the quarter ended December 31 last shows that five samples were taken of carbonate of soda, two of iodine, four of paregoric, one of sweet nitre, four of turpentine, two of tincture of quinine. One of the samples of sweet nitre was found to be adulterated, and the seller was cautioned.

### Wine and Spirit Licences.

The wine-licence attached to the business of Mr. Fredk. Harvey, chemist and druggist, 1 Claremont Road, Surbiton, has been transferred to Mr. Jas. Green.

At Salford Licensing Sessions on February 7, an application for a wine-licence for Mr. James Shand, chemist and druggist, 301 Regent Road, was refused.

At Widnes Brewster Sessions and at Southport Sessions on February 3, it was reported that the wine-licences held by Mr. John B. Foggitt, Ph.C., had been allowed to lapse.

At Manchester on February 3, Sir Wm. Cobbett applied, on behalf of Mr. Chas. H. Griffiths, chemist and druggist, Gorton, for a sweets-licence. Mr. Batty opposed the application, and it was refused.

The Reading Licensing Bench, on February 3, granted an off spirit-licence to Bradley & Bliss, wholesale chemists, 6 London Street, on an undertaking to sell spirits only for medicinal purposes and to specified trades.

### Bath.

The Derby armlets are fairly conspicuous among the pharmacists and assistants in Bath.

Mr. Thomas Wills, Clerk to the Insurance Committee, met the chemists on the panel recently, and exhaustively described the new arrangements for sending the scripts to the pricing establishment, and method of settling the accounts.

Field operations of the Somerset Volunteer Regiment (Bath Corps) on the historical Claverton Down were carried out on a recent Sunday. In the array of smartly uniformed men were at least three local pharmacists, Messrs. Wilson, Hawes, and Hallett, the last-named with a corporal's stripe.

### Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Hill have this week presented upright grand pianoforte to the First Southern General Hospital, Edgbaston.

The lady dispenser is gradually but surely finding herself behind the dispensing-counter, and it is reported the most conservative of the craft that the lady assistant is acquitting herself very well indeed.

A chemist with an eye to business has put the following card in his window:

The Corporation will look after your lights, you see to your liver. Our liver-pills are—well, they are; and only 3d. per box.

Sir Joseph Mason, who founded Mason College, the nucleus of Birmingham University, was many years ago invited by Krupp to become a partner of his Essen works states the "Post." Sir Joseph, it is also pointed out, put the Cannon King on his legs by paying him 10,000*l.* for one of his important inventions.

### Liverpool.

The "trench comforts" devised and manufactured Hanover Street are being displayed in the windows of both pharmacists and grocers, finding a ready sale.

Mr. S. Hardy, chemist and druggist, St. John's Lane, extending his premises, by which he will command the important junction of the Old Haymarket, Victoria Street and Manchester Street.

As so few of the shops which kept open comparative late followed the example of the chemists and druggists dropping the window-lights, an order had to be issued February 8 prohibiting all window-lights after 6.30 p.m. The result was to plunge the city in a darkness that could be felt. In the event of the arrival of Zeppelins, it was added in the official notice that all gas and electric-light supplies will be cut off at the works.

### Sheffield.

Messrs. Watsons, 84 High Street, have issued a twenty-page sale-list of cameras, lenses, enlargers, and photographic sundries. All goods are marked below cost.

Out of a normal staff of twelve the business of Mr. J. Preston, Barker's Pool, Sheffield, has furnished seven of its members to the Army by direct enlistments. The remaining staff who are eligible have attested under the Derby recruiting scheme.

Mr. Curry, superintendent representative of Burroughs Wellcome & Co., has made a tour of the Sheffield district regarding the supply of kharvasan. The demand of the Government having been met, the supply for ordinary customers is now ample.

Mr. C. F. Carr (Fitzhugh & Carr, Nottingham), late Vice President of the Sheffield Pharmaceutical Society, has attested under Lord Derby's scheme, and is at present drilling until his group is reached. His brother, late of Normanton, has taken over the management of his business.

When the chemists some little time ago asked for a compulsory closing order, some doubt was felt that mixed shops in the working-class areas would still sell drugs after hours. This fear has been removed, as the City Council has decided to ask for closing orders for fifty-five classes of traders which covers all drug-retailers.

Some junior pharmacists appearing in the later group called up under Lord Derby's scheme have been notified to join their regiment for service. Inquiries have shown that this is due to a clerical error. Anyone receiving such notice should forward it to the Chief Recruiting Office with particulars of his case, and there is no doubt the matter will be rectified.

Through the illness of Mr. B. Lancaster, an appointment has had to be made of chief of the joint staff for pricing prescriptions. The advertisement stated that the pharmaceutical qualification would be a recommendation, so that the local chemists are disappointed at the appointment of a non-pharmacist. Mr. Appleton brought the matter before the Sheffield Insurance Committee at its last meeting, but gained no satisfaction.

### Miscellaneous.

**CONTRACTS.**—The Merthyr Corporation Health Committee have divided their contract for the supply of disinfectant between Mr. V. A. Wills and Mr. R. R. Davies, Merthyr.

**BOTTLE-COLLECTIONS.**—The method that has been adopted in Burnley schools for assisting the Soldiers' Fund is to collect medicine-bottles and sell them to chemists for the benefit of the fund.

**OPIMUM EXPORT.**—At East Ham Police Court on February 8, a Chinese subject was fined 50*l.*, or three months imprisonment, for attempting to take 6 lb. of opium out of the United Kingdom.



**DEFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON ACT.**—A drug-store proprietor, named E. A. Middleton, was charged at Nottingham with using an instrument for an illegal purpose, and causing the death of a young woman. Accused was remanded.

**ANTITOXIN-SUPPLY.**—At Hull City Council meeting on February 3, it was reported that a supply of antitoxin is at the office of the medical officer of health. This was stated in connection with the closing order, which it was thought might cause inconvenience if antitoxin were needed in an urgent case.

**RAILWAY CONGESTION.**—The Ministry of Munitions has under consideration the growing problem of the congestion of traffic on the railways, and has issued instructions regarding the clearing of wagons, with a view to quicker handling and carriage of goods. The pooling of railway stocks has not yet been adopted.

**DEATH OF COCAINE.**—At Folkestone on February 4, Horace Denis Kingsley and Rose Edwards were charged, under the Defence of the Realm Act, with selling to Private Henry Webb, of the "Black Devils," a Canadian regiment, thirty forty packets of cocaine. The prisoners were remanded for the ease to be taken up by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

**ASSAULT CHARGE.**—At Otley Police Court last week, Mr. Arthur Robinson, Ph.C., Baildon, was summoned by Edwin J. Nicholas, a local commercial traveller, for assault. Mr. Robinson issued a cross-summons against the traveller. Defendant called at the traveller's house to collect a debt, and upon a refusal to pay he struck the traveller in self-defence. Both summonses were dismissed.

**MEDICAL OFFICER'S SALARY.**—The Epsom Guardians have made an application from Dr. Pain, medical officer for the Leatherhead district, for an increase in the amount allowed him for drugs, owing to the present high cost of many drugs. The discussion was adjourned to enable Dr. Pain to furnish particulars of his expenditure on drugs and of the relative number of patients now and at the time when he was appointed.

**DEATH OF FIREARMS.**—At Worksop, on February 3, Mr. J. H. Dixon, chemist and druggist, of Bridge Street, Worksop, was summoned under the Pistols Act, 1903, for selling a revolver by retail to a person not holding a gun licence. The sale took place to an employee named Hart, and Mr. E. G. Warburton, for the defence, urged that the Act was never intended to apply to private transactions of this kind. The Bench, however, inflicted a fine of 10s.

**COINTEGRATION FRAUD.**—At Blackpool on February 4, James Doo and Mary Ann Lynch were summoned for obtaining money by false pretences. Defendants visited towns in Lancashire selling packets of a mixture reputed to be a coinTEGRATION. The price was 7½d. per packet. On analysis the mixture was found to be common table-salt coloured with Venetian red. Defendants also falsely represented the Boots, Ltd., were sole agents in Blackpool. The woman was fined 5s. and the man 40s.

**POISONINGS.**—Three deaths from poisoning have been recorded since our last issue. The poisons employed were opium, ammonia, and "wintergreen." In the last-named case methyl salicylate was probably the poison involved, as the report which has reached us of the Coroner's inquest at Woburn mentions that it was contained in a rheumatic liniment. The ammonia was taken by an intoxicated woman at Romford, and the opium was taken in overdose by an Ilkeston woman of seventy-seven, who had been for years an opium-eater.

**EXCESS-PROFITS TAX.**—The Board of Referees (Finance) (No. 2) Act, 1915) appointed to consider appeals and applications in respect of the excess-profits duty, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. E. Duke, K.C., M.P., have taken office at 133 Strand, London, W.C., and will consider any appeals and applications which may be made to them through the Commissioners of Inland Revenue. Correspondence should be addressed to the Registrar, Board of Referees (Finance) (No. 2) Act, 1915), the Refuge Assurance Building, 133 Strand, W.C.

**LATE LORD BURNHAM.**—At an adjourned (Christmas) Quarterly Court of the Spectacle-makers' Company, held on February 1, it was resolved unanimously:

That this Court desires to record its deepest regret at the great loss which has recently sustained in the lamented death of its much-esteemed and valued colleague Past-Master the Right Hon. Lord Burnham, K.C.V.O., who as an apprentice, a freeman, a liveryman, an assistant, a warden, and master, has been so agreeably connected with this Guild for more than half a century, and who, in full years and honours, has now died at the ripe age of eighty-two, universally lamented; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to his son, Colonel the Right Hon. Lord Burnham, M.A.

**L.G.B. REPORT.**—A supplement to the forty-fourth annual report of the Local Government Board has been issued this week, consisting of the report of the medical officer for the year ended March 31, 1915. It is a record of the medical activities of the Board, and this time records several instances of co-operation with the military authorities in connection with camps in this country. It is stated that the Board gave a grant to Mr. Hindle and Professor Nuttall in regard to their investigation at the Quick Laboratory at Cambridge into the life-history of the *Pediculus corporis*. The appendix contains reports on special medical subjects, including a preliminary report by Dr. F. W. Twort on infantile diarrhoea.

**ROYAL INSTITUTION.**—At the meeting held on February 4, Professor W. Bateson gave an address on the progress of Mendelism during the past fifteen years. It is about sixteen years since the rediscovery and appreciation of Mendel's papers. The theory has thrown much light on problems of anthropology, and has found practical application in horticulture. The newest branch of inquiry is that in which it is found that an organism has several factors in it that have the same effect. Thus the colour of red wheat is found to be due to more than one Mendelian character, and an explanation of the fact that the offspring of mulattoes are never white is that there are a number of blackness factors. A close linkage of these factors is assumed. An interesting part of the discourse dealt with the transmission of colour-blindness. This condition is very rare in women, but is transmitted from father to son. An investigation which is taking place in the United States on diptera with red eyes has helped to an understanding of the matter from the Mendelian point of view.

**POISON-LICENCES.**—The Oxford City Council has renewed for a year the poison-licences held by Mr. George Coggins Trinder, The Market (manager to Harris & Matthews); Mr. Robert Kent Tucker, George Street; Mr. Herbert Davis Smith, George Street (manager to Mr. R. K. Tucker); and Mr. Arthur Rowles, of Market Street.—Mr. Edward James Greenfield, ironmonger, The Square, Storrington (Sussex), has applied to the County Council for a licence to sell agricultural and horticultural poisons.—The Burton-on-Trent Town Council has renewed the licences of M. Morris and G. M. Gibbs.—The Hertfordshire County Council has renewed the licence of A. McMullen & Co., Ltd., Bishop's Stortford.—The East Riding County Council have granted a poison-licence to G. W. Mallison, Hessle.—The Northampton Town Council has renewed the following assistants' licences: A. M. Atkins (Yarde & Co.), G. W. Coy and F. Denney (Perkins & Sons), W. Richards and R. Thorold (T. L. Wright), and W. J. Wills, E. G. Surry, and S. Perkins (J. Perkins & Son).

## Irish News.

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### Brevities.

Sir Stanley Harrington and Mr. W. B. Harrington are among those elected on the Council of the Cork Employers' Federation.

At the Ballyshannon Quarter Sessions, the Great Northern Railway sued Mr. John McClelland, Ph.C., for the full return railway fare from Ballyshannon to Moira. The evidence was that Mr. McClelland took a cheap excursion ticket from Ballyshannon to Belfast on the general holiday. He left the train at Moira to see some friends, and refused to pay the extra fare demanded, stating that other passengers alighting along the line are not required to pay. Defendant, who conducted his own case, said he would pay if decreed, but believed the demand was unjust and illegal. His Honour gave a decree for the difference of the fare already paid and the ordinary fare to Moira, stating he did not believe for a moment that the defendant desired to defraud the railway company.

### Preservative in Quinine-wine.

At Dromore, co. Tyrone, on February 3, an inspector under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts prosecuted James Burns, Dromore, for having sold to him three "naggins" of quinine-wine containing 5 gr. of salicylic acid per pint. The analyst's certificate stated that under no circumstances is this preservative permitted in quinine-wine. For the defence, Dr. Sugars stated that according to the analysis of the sample produced a man would have to drink about 2 gals. to get 120 gr., the maximum dose of salicylic acid. The quantity set out in the analyst's certificate would not be injurious to health, but a benefit. The case was dismissed.



### Cultivation of Medicinal Plants.

Sir Frederick Moore has written to the "Irish Times" regarding the suggestions to cultivate medicinal plants. He points out that it is by no means the easy matter which some imagine. The question of the "strain" of plant cultivated is, he writes, also an important matter. The best results are generally got from cultivating the wilding strain in poor soil. There is much variation in the quality and quantity of the essential products of plants under varying circumstances. A large mass of vegetative growth may produce but a small quantity of the material required by the druggist. For instance, the ordinary garden strain of the foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*), as produced from the seed sold by seed-merchants, would be comparatively useless as a drug-producer, and would be relatively worthless as material for sale. Also the foxglove dislikes a soil in which there is lime, while *Atropa Belladonna* does best in a limestone soil of poor quality; in fact, to be chemically valuable it must be cultivated in such soil. The product of the lavender-plant is another case in which both quantity and quality depend largely on the nature of the soil in which the plant is cultivated. Sir Frederick concludes with the recommendation that advice in this matter should be obtained from the Secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society.

## Scottish News.

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### Brevities.

Chemists at Annan have decided, owing to the scarcity of assistants, to close daily (Friday excepted) between 1 P.M. and 2 P.M.

Master Struan Bain, son of Mr. John Bain, Ph.C., Bridge of Allan, has passed the Cambridge Junior examination in the first division. He is a pupil at Strathallan School.

Mr. Robert Duffton, chemist and druggist, Bogie Street, Huntly, has acquired the central property in Duke Street and Church Street formerly occupied by Mr. John Davidson, grocer and ironmonger.

### Edinburgh.

Mr. James Russell, F.F.I., Clerk and Treasurer to the Insurance Committee, and Mr. Rutherford Hill, Ph.C., are suffering from illness at present.

"Ye Old Hearts" Association are conducting a prize-drawing in aid of the Red Cross Society. Dr. J. L. Ewing has given four volumes of Burns's works. St. Cuthbert's Association also has given a prize.

Stirring messages, urging eligible men to come forward, were published by the "Evening Dispatch" last week. Principal Laurie, Heriot Watt College, Bailie Inman, and Sir James Leishman were among the prominent citizens who contributed to the symposium.

In the Court of Session on February 5, a case under the Workmen's Compensation Act was decided in which Robert Young & Co., Ltd., chemical-manufacturers, Millikenpark, were the appellants, and John Neilson the respondent. On June 4, 1914, while in the employment of the appellants, the respondent fell into a vat of caustic fluid with the result that his right eye was rendered useless and his left eye injured, but the sight of it was not much affected. He was paid 12s. 6d. a week compensation until November 1915. On the appellants' application, Sheriff-Substitute Blair reduced the compensation to 7s. 6d. a week. The Sheriff-Substitute found that recently the appellants offered the respondent work at the same wage as before, which he declined. He was able to do such work. In any case, there are plenty of jobs to be had elsewhere of a light kind by which he could earn from 15s. to 20s. a week if he set himself to find them. The Court decided that the compensation must be suspended as long as the state of the facts continued—namely, that the employers were willing to take the respondent back into their service and to pay him the same wages as he had before.

In the Court of Session on February 3, the Second Division gave judgment in an appeal from a decision of the Railway and Canal Commissioners in an application by the Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd., London, against the Caledonian and North British Railway Companies for abatement of an undue preference afforded by the railway companies to the Scottish shale-oil manufacturers to the prejudice of the applicants. It was said that the rates charged to the applicants for carriage of oil, naphtha, and motor-spirit are considerably higher than those charged

to the Scottish manufacturers for similar traffic under similar circumstances. The Commissioners had found that there was an undue preference and granted the order asked by the applicants. The railway companies appealed to the Court of Session on a question of law. They maintained that the Commissioners, in arriving at their conclusion, had proceeded on an erroneous construction of a stipulation in an agreement between the applicants and the Caledonian Railway Co., which, they said, entitled the railway companies to impose the charges complained of. The Division held that the construction put upon that agreement by the Commissioners was the correct one, and that its effect was merely to bar the applicants from claiming rebates, but not to entitle the railway companies to charge full rates if that resulted in an undue preference. The applicants were awarded the expenses of the appeal.

### Fife-shire.

There is no scarcity of bottles in the average household. Local chemists are receiving them in basketfuls.

The recent sharp snowstorm and intense cold are responsible for a new spurt in dispensing. Hot-water bottles, hair soles, and chest-protectors are selling well.

Fourteen horses have had to be destroyed in Kirkcaldy owing to an outbreak of glanders. The town Corporation has ordered all public drinking-troughs to be closed down.

Appeals (on behalf of chemists) are being favourably heard by the local recruiting tribunals. The appeals are only necessary where through error a List D man has been called up.

In many parts of the shire chemists have increased their dispensing-charges from 2d. to 4d., according to the nature of the prescription. This is necessary to meet the increased expenditure in present-day trading.

### Glasgow and the West.

A new lighting order is being circulated in the city, a shop-windows are coming in for special attention.

Mr. G. Shiach Kitchin, Pollokshields, was the second of a motion to form a "Subscribers' Defence Association" brought about by the recent meetings in connection with increased telephone charges (see C. & D., January 29, p. 11).

The new restrictions relating to the sale of opium preparations have been favourably commented upon in pharmaceutical circles. It has long been felt that stronger action is necessary in order to check abuses in the sale of laudanum.

The Glasgow and West of Scotland Amateurs' Photographic Exhibition at 180 West Regent Street, Glasgow, attracting many photographic chemists. The first prize has been awarded to Mr. Wm. Milroy for a beautiful study entitled, "Herring-boats." The exhibition is quite up to the high standard of former years, but in Class I (scientific and technical subjects) and Class V (autochrome) no plaques have been awarded.

Sir Donald MacAlister, in the local papers, writes that the Army Council require additional recruits for the special companies of the Royal Engineers (Chemist Section), and have asked the assistance of the Glasgow University, obtaining suitable men, with a good knowledge of chemistry to meet the requirement. Owing to changes in the organization of the special companies it is not proposed to take any more men in the rank of corporal; those who join now will do so in the rank of pioneer. Applications, stating qualifications in chemistry, should be addressed to Dr. T. J. Patterson, Chemistry Department, Glasgow University.

### Poisonings during 1914.

The sixtieth annual report of the Registrar-General for Scotland, which has been issued this week, gives particulars of the accidental and suicidal poisonings which occurred in Scotland during the year 1914. The number of accidental poisonings was 65, the following being the poisons concerned: Opium (13 cases), carbolic acid (7), strychnine (5), ammonia (4), liniment (3), "irritant poison" (3), chloroform, phosphorus, narcotic (not specified), chlorodyne, lysol, and caustic soda (2 each); hydrochloric acid, oxalic acid, alcohol, chloral, nitric acid, paraldehyde, copper sulphate, belladonna, camphor, poisonous berries, chlorhydrate, boric acid, arsenic, Easton's syrup, and corrosive sublimate (1 each); kind not stated (3). The death from suicide number 16, the poisons employed being coal gas (6), opium (3), oxalic acid (2), turpentine, A.B.C. liniment, lysol, salts of sorrel, and insect-destroyer (1 each). It is also stated that 48 deaths were reported in which anaesthetics were the secondary cause.

SULPHUR.—The exports from Sicily for the ten months ended October 1915 amounted to 258,948,300 kilos., against 237,559,000 kilos. during the corresponding period of 1914.



## French News.

(From the "C. & D." Paris Correspondent.)

**X-RAY TUBES MANUFACTURE.**—"Nature" refers to an article in the "Revue générale des Sciences" describing manufacture of x-ray tubes in France during the war. At the commencement of the war the military authorities requisitioned all the x-ray tubes in France, but as this supply was found insufficient for the proper equipment of the radiological stations, the two French manufactories, which had been closed owing to their directors being called to the colours, were reopened, in one case by the recall of the director from the front, in the other by the appointment of a member of the Academy of Sciences as director. Under the guidance of a professor of the Collège de France, a number of glass-makers began the manufacture of the special glass for the bulbs, and soon turned out the necessary quantity, so that France is now producing sufficient x-ray tubes to meet her own requirements, and is supplying some to her Allies.

**FRS SOCIETY OF PHARMACY.**—The first meeting of the Paris Society of Pharmacy each year presents specially interesting features. The newly elected "Bureau" then formally replaces that of the previous twelvemonth, and a report of the work of the preceding year is read. War-time does not justify non-observance of century-old traditions, and M. Guerbet, on taking the chair for the last time, called on M. Pépin, the "Annual Secretary" for 1915, to read his report. This being done, the President thanked his colleagues and vacated the "fauteuil" in favour of his successor, M. Cousin; while M. Pépin gave place to M. Guérin, and M. George took the Vice-Presidential chair. The Treasurer and General Secretary remained unchanged. M. Vaudin, the former, has occupied his post since 1903, and M. François read the financial report which they had drawn up in collaboration; the accounts were passed, and MM. Vaudin and François were thanked for their reports. Everything having been done "calmly and in order," M. Vaudin submitted a note on a method for testing chloride of magnesium by M. Bodet, a Parisian pharmacist, at present mobilised at Nîmes. Then M. François explained his method for distinguishing between fatty glycerides and those which come strictly under the name of wax and vaseline. The mood is based on the action of acrolein on bisulphited rosin. A short discussion on this paper closed the meeting.

## German News.

**PROFESSOR DR. WILLSTÄTTER**, who is still working at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Chemistry in Dahlen, has been asked to succeed Professor Goldschmidt as professor of chemistry at the Vienna University. Most probably Professor Willstätter will not answer the call from Austria, as he has already accepted a nomination as successor of Baeyer at the Munich University.

**USE OF FATS IN PHARMACY.**—In answer to a question of the "Deutscher Apotheker Verein" the Minister of the Home Department has declared that the prohibition of the use of vegetable and animal fats and fixed oils for technical purposes, especially lard, butter, margarine, etc., also applies to the preparation of medicaments. Ointments, plasters, etc., may not therefore be prepared with lard henceforth. There are in the German Pharmacopœia ten preparations in which lard is used.

**A NEW ARZNEITAXE** came into operation in Germany on January 1, 1916. Only a very few medicaments show lower prices, these including citric and tartaric acids, bromide salts, silver proteinate, and cream of tartar. The following have again been advanced: Cocoa-butter, cod-liver, linseed, olive, poppyseed, rapeseed, castor, sesame, and earthenut oils, paraffin (liquid and solid), soaps, liniments, ointments, plasters, vaseline, etc. Most of the vegetable drugs are mentioned in the "Taxe" at the same prices as before. The following have been considerably advanced: catechu, acacia gum, saffrair, manna, tamarinds, liquorice-root, and galangal. Mercurials and bismuth preparations have been slightly advanced, also quinine and quinine salts, in which another advance will be unavoidable shortly.

**ENGLAND'S TRADE-WAR.**—Among the documents about England's trade-war which are regularly published in the "Chemische Industrie" is mentioned the article of P. L. Thornton about English chemical industry that appeared in THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, October 16, 1915. Dr. Diehl remarks with regard to this article that it shows most clearly that it has been written without knowledge, as German chemical industry was celebrated and its educational laboratories had been founded by Liebig, Will, Wöhler, Buff, Knapp, and others long before Hofmann founded a similar scientific institute in England. The "Pharm. Zeitung" copies Dr. Diehl's remarks about this article and adds: "Der 'Chemist and Druggist' war von jeher ein deutschfeindliches Blatt, dessen Bedeutung als Fachorgan man im übrigen nicht übersehen darf"—a characteristic bit of German "hate" which, as previously explained, arose from the imaginary grievance that we printed German news in smaller type than French news.

**TAKING STOCK.**—With a view of taking a census of all drugs and chemicals in Germany the stocks of the following substances must be entered with the authorities in case they surpass the quantities mentioned: Agar-agar in strips (80 kilos.); agar-agar in bars (30 kilos.); aloes, Cape (100 kilos.); aloes, Curaçao (100 kilos.); extract of aloes (20 kilos.); balsam of Peru (20 kilos.); artificial balsam of Peru (5 kilos.); perugin (5 kilos.); benzoin, Siam (10 kilos.); benzoin, Sumatra and Palembang (30 kilos.); cantharides (10 kilos.); spermaceti (100 kilos.); bitter-orange peel (150 kilos.); sinaruba-bark (50 kilos.); Calabar beans (20 kilos.); physostigmine and its salts (50 grams); wormseed (50 kilos.); santolin (1 kilo.); belladonna-leaves (50 kilos.); atropine and its salts (25 grams); homatropine and its salts (25 grams); hyoscyamus-leaves (100 kilos.); hyoscyamine and its salts (25 grams); hyosine and its salts (25 grams); jaborandi-leaves (50 kilos.); pilocarpine and its salts (100 grams); aniseed (150 kilos.); unripe orange-fruits (100 kilos.); caraway-seed (500 kilos.); colocynth apples (50 kilos.); gum arabic and gum senegal (together 500 kilos.); East Indian and Macassar sandalwood (1,000 kilos.); East Indian sandalwood oil (10 kilos.); santalol (10 kilos.); lycopodium (50 kilos.); kola (100 kilos.); liquid extract of kola (10 kilos.); opium (10 kilos.); opium, powdered (10 kilos.); tinctures of opium, all sorts (20 kilos.); dry extract of opium (5 kilos.); ipecacuanha, Cartagena (20 kilos.); ipecacuanha, Rio (20 kilos.); liquorice-root, Spanish (300 kilos.); liquorice-root, Russian (300 kilos.); senega-root (30 kilos.); hydrastis rhizome (10 kilos.); liquid extract of hydrastis (10 kilos.); hydrastine and its salts (10 grams); rhubarb, Chinese (100 kilos.); arcea-nuts (50 kilos.); acrolein salts (10 grams); colchicum-seeds (50 kilos.); colchicine and its salts (25 grams); sabadilla-seed (300 kilos.); veratrine and its salts (250 grams); liquorice-juice (200 kilos.); purified liquorice-juice (30 kilos.); aconite-root (50 kilos.); aconitine and its salts (25 grams); fennel-fruit (100 kilos.); fennel oil (10 kilos.). This Decree does not include stocks of the above-mentioned medicaments in the form of pills, tablets, etc.

## South African News.

(From "C. & D." Correspondents.)

"The Chemist and Druggist" is supplied weekly to members of all the Chemists' Societies in South Africa.

### Cape Province.

**J. McDUGAL GEEKIE**, assistant with Cleghorn & Droll, chemists, St. George's Street, Cape Town, has joined the S.A.M.C. for service in East Africa.

**SOCIAL EVENTS.**—The staff of Petersen, Ltd., Cape Town, had their annual outing to Hout Bay in January. At luncheon sixty-six persons were present, Mr. J. Scott (the manager) in the chair. Toasts and music followed, and the outdoor sports.—The Social Club connected with Hines, Mathew, Ltd., also had a very successful social evening with a good musical programme.

### Rhodesia.

**QUININE.**—The Rhodesian Government has secured 20,000 boxes of quinine, the retail price of which is to be 3s. 6d. per bottle of 100 5-gr. tablets.

### Transvaal.

**"SEQUAH" DEAD.**—One of the several Sequahs, who in picturesque garb vended medicines in the market-places of the chief English-speaking cities some years ago, has just died at Johannesburg. The original "Sequah" was a Canadian named Hartley, but the "Sequah" referred to is probably the man Stevens, who was convicted at Durban and Johannesburg for practising as a medical man the last occasion being in 1909 (see C. & D., February 27, 1909, p. 324).

**"ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY HERALD"** contained this week a picture of the dispensary in the Queen Mary's Royal Naval Hospital, Southend-on-Sea. The building was formerly an hotel, and what is now the dispensary was the bar of the hotel.



## Trade Notes.

**CANADIAN BUSINESS.**—Lymans, Ltd., 344 St. Paul Street, Montreal, are open to undertake business in Canada for British firms.

**THE ERASMIC CO., LTD.**, Warrington has been advised that the company has been appointed soapmakers to his Majesty the King of Spain.

**SUBITOL** is a perfect succadaneum for ichthyol, which is placed on the British market by Chas. Zimmermann & Co. (Chemicals), Ltd., 9 and 16 St. Mary-at-Hill, London, E.C.

"**MR. RADIOBA**" is a douche method of obtaining a bath. The Townley Manufacturing Co., 294 City Road, London, E.C., invite applications for particulars as to the apparatus and terms of supply.

**CHLOROFORM** is the subject of the advertisement in this issue of Burroughs Wellcome & Co., Snow Hill Buildings, London, E.C. Special attention should be directed to the small packages, devised for securing freshness.

**GONOREX** SYNONYM.—Menley & James, Ltd., Menley House, Farringdon Road, London, E.C., inform us that, at the request of many medical men who prefer not to prescribe Gonorex by its trade-name, the synonym "Capsulæ Co., M. & J." has been adopted.

**FINE CHEMICALS.**—The Keene Co., manufacturing chemists, 50 Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C., give in their advertisement in this issue a list of the chemicals and drugs which they are in a position at the present time to offer at close prices to wholesale purchasers.

**BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.**—This is to be held in the buildings of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London, S.W., from February 21 to March 3. Ward & Goldstone, Sampson Works, Salford, Manchester, inform us that they are exhibiting electrical goods.

"**W**" **BRAND GLASSWARE.**—William Toogood, Ltd., 77 Southwark Street, London, S.E., are the sole agents for the "W" brand laboratory glassware. Two varieties of glass are used—that for apparatus for ordinary use in the laboratory, and the other, high-resistant, for special purposes.

"**CHRISTY'S MONTHLY**" deals with those goods which are needed for sale in the spring—lipsalve, garden thermometers, etc. A feature is made of the "Empire" and "La Belle Alliance" brands of eau-de-Cologne. The advantages of Lunol for preventing condensation of moisture on spectacle-lenses are also set forth.

**BEVERAGE-TABLETS.**—Ayrton, Saunders & Co., Ltd., wholesale druggists, Liverpool, inform us that their new plant is turning out large quantities of tea, cocoa, and coffee tablets, and that they are now able to meet all the demands of retailers for these products. Particulars of the various kinds are given in an advertisement in this issue.

**PROTECTED PRICES.**—Alkia Saltrates, Kalsel and Reudel Bath Saltrates were inadvertently omitted in the January Protected List of the Proprietary Articles Trade Association. Of the first, the minimum retail price is now 2s. 9d., and the minimum wholesale price 26s. 6d.; of the last two, 1s. 9d. and 17s. These prices came in force on February 1.

"**KEY TO LONDON TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.**"—Under this title W. H. Smith & Son, 34 Norfolk Street, Strand, London, W.C., issue at 5s. a useful auxiliary to the London Telephone Directory. By means of this "Key" anyone can find out the name and address of the owner of any particular telephone number, a proceeding for which the necessity is often felt.

**PEPTONUM SICCUM.**—Allen & Hanburys, Ltd., 37 Lombard Street, London, E.C., are now manufacturing on a large scale peptonum siccum for bacteriological use. The label of a sample we have received states concisely the merits of the preparation:

Peptonum Siccum "A. & H." is manufactured from specially selected material, and great care is taken to ensure exceptional purity and reliability for the particular purposes for which the product is intended.

Peptonum siccum is sent out in 1-oz., 4-oz., 8-oz., and 1-lb. bottles, which cost respectively 2s., 7s. 6d., 14s., and 27s.

**FORMITROL.**—A. Wander, Ltd., manufacturing chemists, 45 Cowcross Street, London, E.C., send us a specimen of the new packing of their formitrol-formalin pastilles. The boxes are  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  in., and are white enamelled with gold ornamentation and black lettering. They are convenient for carrying in the pocket. The pastilles are made on the lozenge principle, which allows them to dissolve slowly and exercise a prolonged germicidal action on the throat. It is claimed that these pastilles are stronger in formaldehyde

than usual, and as each pastille is wrapped in tinfoil the volatile ingredient is prevented from escaping. New showcards are issued showing the new style of the package, and there is a carton so arranged that it can be displayed on the window or on the counter. A useful booklet with illustrations of bacteria cultivations is also supplied.

**ALLIES' PRODUCTS.**—We continue to receive samples of drugs and proprietary medicines which manufacturers in Allied countries desire to introduce in the United Kingdom, and the overseas Possessions. In most cases agents are required for the preparations. Among these is Zimanta (Lagana), a remedy for gastro-enteritis, which is made by Vermondo Valli, 30 Corso Porta Vittoria, Milan. It is in powder form, and packed in wide-mouthed bottles attractively labelled.—Many samples of the specialties of Gignoux Frères & Cie., manufacturers of pharmaceutical and chemical products, Decines, Lyons, have also been received. These include a series of "Gello" products—Gello-Cologne, Gello-menthe, Gello-lavande, Gello-Fioravanti, a Gello-camphre—which are grease-free jellies, containing camphor, tincture of arnica, spirit of camphor, etc., packed in collapsible tubes and cartons. They are a convenient form of using medicaments. Gelloplastre, on the other hand, is a zinc-oxide rubber plaster to take the place of German leucoplastre. It is wound on reels, which are contained in cartons. Metalline is a liquid for capsule bottles. By dipping the necks of the bottles into the liquid which contains various bronzes in suspension, a neat and very attractive capsuling results.

**PARASTIK.**—William Browning & Co., manufacturing chemists, 4 Lambeth Palace Road, London, S.E., send



a sample of the new remedy which they have produced against trench-vermin. The name of the insecticide is Parastik. It is in the form of a stick of stiff paste with a pronounced aromatic odour. The sticks are wrapped in tinfoil and enclosed in a tin case. A cleverly written pamphlet, "War's Insect Worries," which is enclosed in each tin, gives concise directions for using Parastik. A great advantage of the preparation is that besides being non-greasy and non-poisonous, it is cleanly and effective. Parastik is packed in counter-cases of  $\frac{1}{2}$  doz. The wholesale price is 7s. per doz., and the usual retail price 1s. Showcards are obtainable from the makers.

## Trade-marks Applied for.

The figures in parentheses refer to the classes in which the marks are grouped, for a list of which, with particulars as to registration, see "The Chemist and Druggist Diary," 1916, p. 365.

(From the "Trade-marks Journal," January 26, 1916.)  
Label device with word "ELBON" (48). By S. A. Noble, chemist, trading as the Elbon Perfumery Co., 12 York Market, Selsdon Road, Croydon. 369,278. (Associated.)

"OPTILINE"; for Class 48. By Chas. Davis, 24 Rue Chauchat, Paris. 370,689.

"LYPOSA"; for Class 48. By Vinolia Soap, Ltd., 37-39 Upper Thames Street, London, E.C. 370,389.

(From the "Trade-marks Journal," February 2, 1916.)  
"ARDAK"; for a chemical substance (1). By R. Lyall, Ltd., Haden Street, Birmingham. 369,931.

Picture of elephant over monogram "A. F."; for chemicals (1). By A. Fergusson & Co., Ltd., 50 Ruchill Street, Maryhill, Glasgow. 370,249. (Associated.)

"BRIDGE BRAND," with picture of bridge; for goods (1). By R. W. Greeff & Co., Queen Street Place, E.C. 370,148. (Associated.)

"ANZAC" and "ARBOSAN"; for all goods (2). By the Liverpool Borax Co., Ltd., Borax Street, Liverpool. 370,126/978.

Portrait of Dr. Thomas Sydenham; for pills (3). By Sydenham's Remedies, Ltd., 30 and 32 Ludgate Hill, E.C. 369,379.



## Society of Chemical Industry.

A MEETING of the London Section was held in Burlington House, Piccadilly, W., on February 7, Mr. A. R. Ling in the chair. In opening the proceedings, the Chairman drew attention to the display of polarimeters, refractometers, and spectrometers, all of which, he said, were entirely of British manufacture. Hitherto saccharimeters of certain designs had only been made in Germany, but the firms exhibiting that night had succeeded in making instruments in every way equal or superior to any made in Germany.

### THE PAPERS.

The first paper read was on *The Use of Enzymes and Special Yeasts in Carbohydrate-analysis*, by Mr. W. A. Davis, Rothamsted. In introducing Mr. Davis, the Chairman spoke of him as carrying on under Dr. Russell, the director of the Rothamsted laboratories, the fine Rothamsted traditions, and as having been entrusted with the devising of new methods for analysing starch and other carbohydrates. Mr. Davis's paper dealt with new methods for the analysis of four groups of carbohydrates—saccharose, raffinose, maltose, and starch. In the investigation of the methods in use in the estimation of these substances several sources of error have been detected, and it has been found necessary to eliminate chemical tests and to rely on enzymes and special yeasts. For example, in the estimation of the saccharose in mangold extract it is found that there are differences in the results obtained as compared with the estimations of pure sugar, this being ascertained to be due to the presence of sodium acetate produced from the basic lead acetate employed to precipitate the tannin, the sodium acetate limiting the inversion by citric acid. Reference was also made to the method of inversion by hydrochloric acid, and the author then proceeded to explain his process, which consists in the fermentation of the sugar by invertase obtained from autolysed brewers' yeast, and subsequent optical examination in the saccharimeter. The usual polarimetric method for the estimation of glucose gives untrustworthy results, and this also is repeated by a fermentation process. The fermentation method for the estimation of maltose is based on the use of yeast free from maltase and containing only invertase and *zymase*. Such yeast cannot ferment maltose, but the other sugars are fermented away, leaving only the maltose behind. The ordinary chemical methods of hydrolysis invariably destroy a quantity of laevulose, and in a mixture of starch it is impossible by these to estimate the maltose correctly. The existing methods for the estimation of starch are quite untrustworthy, and Mr. Davis bases his process on the use of taka-diastase, a substance prepared by Burke, Davis & Co., and obtainable, he added, from any pharmacist. After six hours all the dextrin disappears and only lextrose and maltose are left. Later the maltase of the taka-diastase breaks down the maltose, and the dextrose increases in proportion. By means of the fermentation process it is quite possible to estimate mixtures of dextrose and maltose accurately. The starch is gelatinised and one decigram of taka-diastase added and the mixture left to ferment, so that the process is very simple. In the discussion that followed the paper several speakers took part. Professor Armstrong spoke of its great value, inasmuch as for the first time the author had put on record methods which give a true picture of the composition of vegetable tissues carbohydrates. Most of the determinations of starch in the past were of doubtful value, but we are now coming in sight of methods which would get rid of much of the confusion which has existed. A contribution on *Acetic Anhydride*, by Professor J. T. Hewitt and C. H. Lumsden, was, in the absence of the authors, read in abstract. The paper was an historical review of the subject, and an investigation undertaken to find out the most suitable process for use on a manufacturing scale. Mr. E. Hatchek followed with two notes on *Graphic Methods in Industrial Chemistry*, one on the graphic representation of mixtures of components, and the other a simple geometric solution of an engineering problem involving three variables. These were chiefly mathematical, but the meeting was much interested in the exposition, and in the short discussion that followed the hope was expressed that more papers in engineering chemistry would be welcomed by the members.

### EXHIBIT OF APPARATUS.

At the close of the papers a description was given of the apparatus on the table. *Adam Hilger, Ltd.*, exhibited four instruments: a pulfrich refractometer, saccharimeter, wave-length spectrometer, and polarimeter. The pulfrich refracto-

meter and saccharimeter are made for the first time in competition with the instruments of German firms. The pulfrich refractometer, which gives the refractive indices of liquids and solids to one unit in the fourth decimal place, has been improved by the addition of a water-jacket, which surrounds the material whose refractive index is being measured. With this jacket the effect of differences between the laboratory temperature and that of the circulating water is very much less than with the solid wooden cover used by Zeiss. In connection with this instrument a new form of hydrogen tube (Guild, Journ. Phys. Soc., Nov. 1915) was shown, having a large bulb sealed to one arm. Any increase of pressure due to evolution of gas from the heated electrodes and walls during use, which is the chief cause of ill-defined lines, takes place very much more slowly owing to the increased capacity. The G' line is very prominent. The saccharimeter was of the single wedge compensation type, having a double Lippich field, and reading from -30 to +100° Ventske, and taking tubes 400 mm. long; the scale and quartz wedges are entirely enclosed, and the girder stand is very rigid. Illumination of the field is by a small electric lamp which, with a bichromate cell as a light filter, forms an integral part of the apparatus. The wave-length spectrometer was the well-known type reading the wave-length of any line direct on a helical scale on a drum, which rotates together with a screw which moves a constant deviation prism through a small angle; the telescope and collimator are permanently fixed at right angles to one another. The polarimeter was fitted with a triple Lippich field, and with a Ventske scale for sugar solutions; the three verniers were illuminated by small electric lamps connected to a battery mounted on the base. *Bellingham & Stanley, Ltd.*, who had an exhibit, in taking up the manufacture of certain optical instruments, have refrained from copying the German design, and have produced a polarimeter built on novel lines which is claimed to be of higher accuracy and easier to manipulate than the Continental models. The improvements in the polariscopes of their manufacture consists of: (1) The reduction of the length of the long compensating wedge from 50 mm. to 15 mm., which allows of the wedge being cut from a smaller and more perfect crystal; (2) the movement of the compensating wedge by an accurate micrometer screw, instead of the usual rack and pinion, which is in practice found to be not sufficiently sensitive; (3) the protection with glass of all nicol prism faces; (4) the introduction of a new half-shadow prism in place of the Lippich half-prism. In addition to the polariscopes there were shown some refractometers for use in the examination of butters, oils, and fats, reading the refractive index either on a divided arc or on an eyepiece scale. One of the refractometers is designed to read "Total solids contents" for sugar estimation and to be used in conjunction with the new quartz wedge polariscopes.

## B.P. Notes.

By "Abel Scholar."

### Ammonia Estimations.

A nice little problem for the pharmacist is how to determine the amount of free and combined ammonia present in the pharmacopoeial ammoniated tinctures. Phenolphthalein is not suitable as an indicator, nor are methyl orange and tincture of cochineal. A very useful method for the determination of the free ammonia is to put 10 c.c. of the ammoniated tincture in a 25-c.c. sp. gr. bottle of the Regnault type, and in the wider portion of the neck, just below where the stopper fits, put a few pieces of litmus-paper about  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. square. Add the N/1 acid until nearing the neutralisation-point, a c.c. at a time, then proceed slowly until the litmus-paper shows but feeble acidity. It is a good plan to invert the bottle and wait a few minutes for the full effect of the acid upon the alkaline solution, for, as is well known, litmus is slow but sure. Although the solution of tr. valer. amm. is very dark in colour, the change from alkalinity to acidity is readily seen by a close observer. The paper does not leave its position at any time, even after much gentle shaking, and as the acid drops into the bottle the blue colour is instantly changed to red, and so becomes a safeguard against excess of either acid or alkali. It is somewhat surprising to find what a divergence of strength in free ammonia the ammoniated tinctures possess.



## Legal Reports.

### Trade Law.

**Claim for Duty and Customs Charges.**—In the City of London Court on February 8, before Mr. Registrar Wild, the case of Davies, Turner & Co., Ltd., v. Pronk, Davis & Co. was mentioned. The plaintiffs, foreign carriers, 52 Lime Street, E.C., claimed 13s. from the defendants for duty and Customs charges. The case had been before the Court on a previous occasion and adjourned to enable the plaintiffs to give the defendants particulars of the claim which they required. The plaintiffs' witness, in answer to the Registrar, said that the defendants had been offered again the document, which was in French, and which he handed in to the Registrar. The Registrar (to the plaintiffs' representative): You are men of business. Have you given them particulars of this 13s.? The Plaintiffs' Witness: We have offered it to them, and they will not take it because it is in French. The defendants' representative said what they wanted was a copy of the particulars. The Registrar: I do not understand business men in the City quarrelling over rubbish of this kind. Have they shown you this? (holding up the plaintiffs' document). The Defendants' Representative: We have seen that, but we want it in English. The Registrar: Is that all your defence? The Defendants' Representative: That is all we want. The Registrar: Judgment for the plaintiffs.

**Copyright in Trade Price-lists.**—Mr. Vincent Fava Wood, carrying on business at 91 and 93 Newington Causeway, London, S.E., as a surgical-appliance maker, was the plaintiff in an action, before Mr. Justice Sargant in the Chancery Division on February 7, against the R. H. Heward Co., Crown Road, East Twickenham, also makers of surgical appliances, for an injunction restraining them from infringing the copyright of illustrations in his trade price-lists. Mr. Romer, K.C., for the plaintiff, said his complaint was that the defendant company, instead of having their own illustrations for their catalogue, copied those in the plaintiff's. Plaintiff had been in business since 1884, and when he invented or designed any new appliance he had it sketched and printed in his catalogue. The defendant company consisted of Mr. R. H. Heward, his wife, and Mr. William Sutcliffe. Mr. Heward was in the plaintiff's employment up to August 9, 1914, when he left and started business for himself in the same line. The catalogue his firm issued contained illustrations of different articles, which the plaintiff alleged were taken straight from his own catalogue, and which he had had sketched by his own artist. Expert evidence was given to bear out the statement. On February 8 the case came to an end suddenly while an expert witness was in the box. Counsel announced that it had been agreed that the plaintiff should be granted an injunction, that the defendants should deliver up all catalogues in their possession and all zincos complained of except one; that there should be an order for costs, but that this was not to be enforced if 100% was paid before February 15 and 150% before May 8. In the event of the order being enforced, any sum paid was to be taken as paid on account. His Lordship assented.

**Chemist Company's Calls.**—In the City of London Court on February 7, his Honour Judge Rentoul, K.C., continued the hearing of the case already partly reported in the *C. & D.* (February 5, p. 39) in which A. Sargeant & Co., Ltd., cash chemists, 70 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., claimed 50l. 16s. 8d. from Mr. Robert Leeson, chemist and druggist, 12 Ordnance Road, Southampton, being a call of 5s. per share on 200 preference shares in the company and interest. Mr. Moresby appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. Brooke for the defendant. Defendant had raised a counterclaim for 19l. for commission due at 5 per cent. upon the net profits of plaintiffs' Wimbledon Park branch, which he managed for them. The counterclaim was not disputed. Mr. Robert Leeson, the defendant, was called, and said that he first got into touch with the plaintiffs through an advertisement in *THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST*. He was told there were four branches with managers who were all interested in the company. He was told by Mr. Sargeant that he had 400l. invested in the business, and he did not know until the present trial that the amount was only 100l. Not until now did he know that Mr. Sargeant was an undischarged bankrupt. He was never informed that the shares it was proposed he should take up in return for his investment would be third-class preference shares to be created. In his view it was detrimental to have as managing director a man like Mr. Sargeant, who was an undischarged bankrupt. In cross-examination he said that he had put 150l. into the chemist's

business at Southampton where he now is. An instance of the undesirability of being connected with an undischarged bankrupt was that when he (defendant) sent an order to S. Maw, Son & Sons he received a letter saying that if he sent the money the goods would be forwarded. The result was that he lost the sale of those goods. The further hearing was adjourned until February 25.

**Sale of Morphine Lamels.**—At the Westminster District Court on February 4, before Mr. Horace Smith, H.M. Judge, Brompton Road, London, S.W., were proceeded under the Pharmacy Acts, for an illegal sale of morphine. Mr. W. S. Glyn-Jones, M.P. (instructed by Thompson, Quarrell & Jones), appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. F. A. S. Gwatkin (instructed by McKenna & Co.) for the defence. The defendants pleaded guilty. Mr. Glyn-Jones briefly recited the facts, which were that an official of the Pharmaceutical Society visited the establishment of the defendants at Brompton Road and there made a purchase of morphine "lamels"—a new form of medicament, consisting of small gelatin squares containing various drugs. On this occasion two packets, each containing twenty-four squares, were purchased, which on analysis were found to contain altogether 4 gr. of morphine hydrochloride. By Section 17 of the Pharmacy Act, 1868, it is illegal to sell any poison within the meaning of the section unless it is labelled with the name of the article, the name and address of the seller, and the word "Poison." In this case the article was labelled "Poison," but not with the name and address of the seller. The section further provided special restrictions for the poisons which are in Part 1 of the schedule. It is illegal to sell such a poison except to a person known to the seller or to someone introduced to him. An entry must be made in a special book to be kept for that purpose. In the present case the purchaser was not known; no questions were asked, nor was he asked to sign any register, and it was quite clear that no entry was made in the register. Some importance is attached to the matter, because lamels are a comparatively new form of medicament, and are found to be reaching the troops on active service. It is a very convenient thing for anyone who knows the use of drugs to carry these medicaments, but it is an exceedingly dangerous thing to be in the hands of men on active service who did not know anything at all about the drugs. A man might take one of these squares, and it might lead him to sleep on duty; or, if he took it when wounded, it might be quite the wrong thing to do. No doubt officers have the best of motives in using these things and allowing their men to have them, but it did not but be regarded as a dangerous proceeding. He did not suggest in the present case that the article had been provided for that purpose, but it is necessary the police should be made to understand that these are dangerous poisons, and that the restrictions the law has imposed on their sale must be rigidly adhered to. Mr. Gwatkin, addressing the Magistrate in mitigation of the offence, did not doubt it is necessary the Pharmacy Acts should be applied; but this is a new form of medicine, and the law of this packet of lamels in contravention of the Acts is due entirely to the fact that these are the only poisons put by Harrods in their drug-department. Harrods have an elaborate system by which poisons are kept in a case 300 yards away, to reach which from the drug-department it is necessary to go through a subway under the road, and if anyone requires a poison it has to be telephoned for. There is, however, a great demand for these lamels by officers, who come into Harrods' and cannot wait for the drug to be telephoned for. Harrods have a system by which the lamels are carefully sorted when they come in from Savory & Moore's, and on each packet that has the label Harrods' name and address is affixed, in accordance with the Act. These are then put in one drawer, while the non-poisonous ones are put in another drawer. If a person comes in to buy he is shown a list, and from that list selects what he requires. If morphine is asked for, it is taken from the poisons-drawer, but ipecacuanha, for example, is taken from the non-poisons drawer. If morphine is bought, as a rule the requirements of the Act are complied with. The purchaser is generally known to the manager of the drug-department, and signs the book. Unfortunately, the representative of the Pharmaceutical Society purchased a packet of the lamels which could not have been sorted in the ordinary way, as it had not Harrods' name upon it. Harrods do all they can to comply with the Act, but the company has a very big business, and on account of the numerous officers who come in for these lamels it is necessary to keep the article in the drug-department. Harrods are very short-handed, having sent an enormous number of men to the Front, and the company does the best it can in the circumstances. Unfortunately, the system, like all systems, has a flaw in it, as the present case shows. The Act was passed to prevent



persons being accidentally poisoned or getting rid of themselves intentionally, but each little square contained only infinitesimal quantity. Mr. Glyn-Jones: My friend must not say that. I must point out that there are 4 gr. morphine in that little thing. Mr. Gwatkin: But the square is that little square. The Magistrate: You might swallow the whole lot. Mr. Gwatkin: Unless a person is used to chewing gum, I do not think he would get very sickly through the whole of that. The Magistrate: A man might swallow the lot. Mr. Gwatkin: These are supplied to the men, but to officers. The Magistrate: The method is much too lax, I think. Mr. Gwatkin urged that morphine is supplied to the troops for their own use in emergency. He suggested there are extenuating circumstances in the case. A fine of 5*l.* was imposed. On the question of costs, Mr. Glyn-Jones stated that the articles had been analysed. Mr. Gwatkin argued that this was unnecessary, as each packet contained exactly what was stated on it. The Magistrate directed that 5*l.* costs be paid.

## New Companies and Company News.

P.C. means Private Company and R.O. Registered Office.

**H. H. PHELPS & Co., LTD. (P.C.).**—Capital 1,200*l.*, in 1*l.* shares (700 preference). Objects: To carry on the business of dressers, barbers, toilet-specialists, chiropodists, manicurists, dental and skin specialists, masseurs, chemists and druggists, etc. R.O., 116-117 Chancery Lane, London, W.C. 2.

**O. A. & F. CUNNINGHAME, LTD. (P.C.).**—Capital 500*l.*, in 500 ordinary and 180 6 per cent. cumulative preference shares of 1*l.* each and 200 5 per cent. employees' shares of 2*l.* each. Objects: To take over the business of a baker and confectioner carried on by Florence Cunninghame at Preston, and deal, among other things, in drugs and chemicals. R.O., 73 Church Street, Preston.

**TANDARD DYE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD. (P.C.).**—Capital 1*l.*, in 1*l.* shares. Objects: To carry on the business of manufacturers and sellers of the dyes known as "Standard Dyes," manufacturers of bleaching and dyeing materials, etc. R.O., Tudor House, Rathbone Place, London, W.

**REGULUS METAL AND PLUMBING CO., LTD. (P.C.).**—Capital 1,000*l.*, in 1*l.* shares. Objects: To carry on the business of manufacturers of and dealers in metallic specialties, pipes, furnaces, and moulds, and articles used in the electrical-trade, including metallic cooling and heating coils, evaporating-pans, metal-coolers, and extracting or blowing fans, dealers in paints, colours, and varnish, etc. R.O., High Street, Wolverhampton.

**JOHNSON & RILEY, LTD. (P.C.).**—Capital 3,000*l.*, in 1*l.* shares. Objects: To take over the business of manufacturers of earthenware, sanitary ware, and sanitary appliances, and char-à-banc proprietors, carried on by James Riley, John Riley, and Elizabeth E. Morris at Bradley Pottery, Little Lever, Lancs, as "Johnson & Riley," and to carry it on and the business of porcelain, etc., manufacturers, manufacturers of druggists' goods, etc.

**J. J. CHALMERS & Co., LTD. (P.C.).**—Capital 1,000*l.*, in 1*l.* shares. Objects: To take over the business of Chalmers & Co., manufacturers and importers of toilet-articles, perfumery, and fancy goods, and to carry on the business of dressers' and chemists' sundriesmen, manufacturers of hairpins, curlers, toilet-goods, wire and metal workers, perfumers, dealers in perfumery and chemicals for the manufacture thereof, etc. R.O., 1 Branch Place, Southgate Road, London, N.

**ROSTER & BIGGS, LTD. (P.C.).**—Capital 5,000*l.*, in 1*l.* shares. Objects: To carry on the business of makers of and dealers in surgical, dental, optical, photographic, electrical, chemical, and scientific instruments, appliances, apparatus, and materials, smelters and refiners of ores, assayers, distillers, druggists, dyers, and oil and colour men, and the destructive distillation of coal, shale, wood, sawdust, cork, seaweed, indiarubber, guttapercha, bones or bone-meal, etc. R.O., Ridgway House, 40-42 King William Street, London, E.C.

**DRAX CONSOLIDATED, LTD.**—The directors recommend a full dividend of 1*s.* 6*d.* per share, less tax, for year to September 30 on deferred ordinary, making 10 per cent. for year, compared with 7½ per cent. for previous year.

### Receivership.

**Marshall Drug-stores, Ltd.**—A. E. Usher, 23 West Sunning Street, Sunderland, ceased to act as receiver or manager on January 23.

## Births.

Authenticated notices are inserted without charge.

**FRANKLIN.**—At 67 Mayfield Avenue, West Ealing, London, W., on January 31, the wife of Stanley Franklin, chemist and druggist, of a daughter.

**TODD.**—At Newcastle Street, Burslem, on February 6, the wife of Edwin Hodgson Todd, chemist and druggist, of a son.

**WALTON.**—At 2 Upper Road, Batley Carr, Yorks, on January 16, Elizabeth Walton, chemist and druggist, of a daughter.

## Marriages.

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**CRESSWELL-FREEMAN.**—At St. Luke's, Redcliffe Square, Earl's Court, London, S.W., on January 15, by the Rev. H. R. Anderson, Ernest J. J. Cresswell (Cresswell Bros.' branch, International Sponge Importers, Ltd.), 17 River-view Gardens, Castelnaud, Barnes, son of the late Mr. Randal Cresswell, to Florence, only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Freeman, Hull. [At the wedding some of the bridegroom's pianoforte compositions, arranged by the organist, Mr. H. Wingfield, were played on the organ. A reception was afterwards held at the Bolton Mansions Hotel, Earl's Court, the honeymoon being spent at Bournemouth.]

**SINCLAIR-HASLETT.**—At Fitzroy Avenue Presbyterian Church, Belfast, on January 26, Second-Lieutenant Samuel Sinclair, Royal Scots, to Jennie, eldest daughter of Mr. W. Haslett, ex-President of the Chemists and Druggists' Society of Ireland.

## Deaths.

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**CHANCE.**—At 44 Portland Court, London, W., on January 27, Mr. Henry Featherstone Chance (a director of Chanco & Hunt, Ltd., chemical-manufacturers, Oldbury), aged fifty-seven.

**DUCK.**—At Arncliffe, Whitchurch, Cardiff, on February 8, Elizabeth, widow of the late R. W. Duck, aged seventy-one.

**HARDIE.**—At the Limes, Gilbert Road, Bucksburn, on February 4, Maggie Sophia Whyte, widow of John D. Hardie, M.A., chemist.

**NUTTALL.**—At Highfield Park, Rhyl, last week, Mr. Holroyd Nuttall, chemist and druggist, aged seventy-five. Deceased passed the Modified examination in 1869, and was formerly in business in Yorkshire. He had resided in Rhyl for the last ten years.

**ROPER.**—At Oundle, Northamptonshire, on February 1, Mr. Henry Edward Roper, chemist and druggist, aged seventy-three. Deceased passed the Modified examination in 1869.

### Killed in Action.

**FERGUSON.**—Captain Edward Keith Ogilvy Fergusson, 8th Seaforth Highlanders, whose death was reported last week (p. 43), was aged twenty-two. He was educated at Berkhamsted School, where he was Head Prefect and captain of football, and at Pembroke College, Oxford, where he held an open History Scholarship. He played Association football for the University. He obtained his commission in September 1914.

### Died of Wounds.

**QUIBELL.**—Major S. Quibell, 4th East Yorks, son of Mr. O. Quibell, Newark, has died of wounds in France. He was wounded twice in three weeks. On the first occasion he was helping other officers in the dressing-station. After returning to duty he received a gunshot-wound in the chest, which proved fatal.

## Gazette.

### Partnership Dissolved.

**BELL, A., and CRONSHAW, F.,** 23 Nab Lane, Blackburn, makers of sanitary fluid, etc., under the style of The Vulcan Disinfectant Co.

### Bankruptcy Acts.

RECEIVING ORDER AND ADJUDICATION.

**WEBB, H. G.,** 192 London Road, and 733 and 735 Ecclesall Road, Sheffield, physician and surgeon.



## Personalities.

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At the annual meeting of Blackpool Tradesmen's Association on February 2, Mr. J. Laurie, chemist and druggist, was elected a Vice-President.

MISS MILDRED CONSTABLE has been engaged by the Southwark Board of Guardians as temporary assistant dispenser at the Southwark Military Hospital.

MR. WILLIAM WOOLLEY, J.P. (Cupal, Ltd.), Blackburn, was, on February 5, elected President of Blackburn and District Band of Hope Union for the eighth year in succession.

MR. H. DIVES, who has hitherto represented A. & F. Pears, Ltd., in Outer London, has been promoted to an important position in the London office, and Mr. T. A. Lyon has been appointed as his successor.

MR. LEWELYN JONES, chemist and druggist, Lancaster Square, Conway, though over military age, recently offered his services to the R.A.M.C., through the Derby recruiting scheme, but his offer was refused.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Chelsea Traders' Association, held at the Chelsea Town Hall last week, Mr. Isaac T. Lloyd, chemist and druggist, 267 King's Road, was unanimously elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

CERTIFICATES of NATURALISATION have been granted to I. J. Balkin (Russian), Royal Infirmary, Leicester, medical practitioner; D. Giordano (Italian), 30b Wimpole Street, London, surgeon; and L. M. Mayers (Russian), Eastern Hospital, Homerton, physician and surgeon.

THE REV. EBENEZER REES, who has been appointed minister of Christ Church (Congregational), Enfield, was apprenticed as a chemist to Mr. Lewis Evans, chemist and druggist, Cardigan. After that he had experience at pharmacies in London, and then, studying at Dr. Muter's school, passed the Minor in 1893. It was in 1898 that he received a call to the ministry, and after a theological course was appointed to Grange Church, Sunderland, in 1901, which he now leaves for Enfield.

## Wills.

MR. JAMES BOTHAM, 6 Cranbourne Road, Heaton Moor, formerly in business as a chemist, who died on November 19, left estate of the gross value of 6,644*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.*, of which 5,011*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* is net personalty.

MR. ARTHUR HARRIS, Marsh Gate Lane, West Ham, of C. Harris & Sons, soap-manufacturers, who died on January 2, left estate valued at 28,293*l.* 18*s.* gross, with net personalty 27,220*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*

MR. MICHAEL BEDFORTH, Croft House, Somerset Road, Huddersfield, drysalter and soap-manufacturer, who died on October 7, left estate valued at 9,321*l.* 6*s.* gross, with net personalty 8,776*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.*

MR. JOHN LEVER TILLOTSON, Bidston Court, Bidston, Birkenhead, managing director of Lever Bros., Ltd., who was last seen alive on January 23, and whose body was found in the Thames on May 11, left estate of the gross value of 223,371*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*, including personalty of the net value of 204,434*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* The validity of the will, dated March 25, 1914, with two codicils, has been found by the Court, and probate is granted to his brothers, James Lever Tillotson and Fredk. Lever Tillotson.

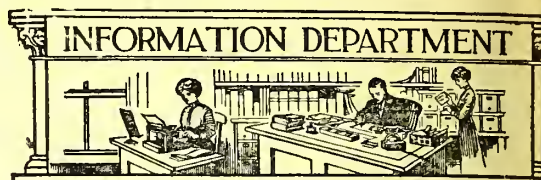
## Business Changes.

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MR. W. H. FLOOD, chemist and druggist, has taken over the branch business of Mr. W. F. Enness at 385 Durnsford Road, Wimbledon Park, London, S.W.

BOOTS, LTD., have opened premises at 46 Thames Street, Windsor, which they will occupy pending the rebuilding of their premises at 14 and 16 Thames Street.

SCIO MASTICH.—The exports from the port of Scio during 1914 were valued at 26,000*l.*, the destinations being the United Kingdom, Austria-Hungary, France, Greece, and Egypt.



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## INFORMATION WANTED.

Postal or telephone information with respect to makers or the hand suppliers of the undermentioned articles will be appreciated. Please address us as above:

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| 121/2. Bromidol.   | 119/14. Artificial hand maker specialists. |
| 121/60. Flowers of Lebanon.                                  | 127/40. "Lady Marie's Creole Veletta."     |
| 124/12. "Soiloff" for cleaning white gloves.                 | 127/40. "Devauz Honey at Flowers."         |
| 124/56. "Satin Tablet," a penny line for chapped hands, etc. |  |
| 126/71. "Zahn" tooth cleanser.                               |  |

## Coming Events.

This section of the "C. & D." is reserved for advance notices of meetings or other events. These should be sent to the Editor by Wednesday of the week before the meetings, etc., occur.

### Sunday, February 13.

Pharmacist Volunteer Training Corps, Millbank Parade Ground at 10 A.M. Parade and examination tests.

### Tuesday, February 15.

Oldham Pharmaceutical Association, Café Monico, Union Street at 3 P.M. Mr. R. Lord Gifford will deliver an address.

### Wednesday, February 16.

Ealing Pharmacists' Association, Buol's Restaurant, at 7.30 P.M. Whist-drive. Tickets (2*s.* 6*d.* each) from Mr. Arnold Roberts, 171 High Street, Acton.

Liverpool Chemists' Association, Royal Institution, Colquhoun Street, at 8 P.M. Sir Richard A. Robinson on "Pharmacy in the Future."

Birmingham Pharmaceutical Association, Grand Hotel, at 7 P.M. Whist-drive in aid of Red Cross funds, etc. Tickets (2*s.* each) from Mrs. F. Smith, 221 Soho Road, Birmingham (Changed date).

Royal Microscopical Society, 20 Hanover Square, London, W. at 8 P.M. Messrs. Heron-Allen Earland and Rousset on "The Progress and Development of Vision and Definition under the Microscope." There will also be a demonstration by Mr. J. E. Barnard, entitled "An Experiment with the Ultramicroscope."

Pharmacist Volunteer Training Corps, 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., at 3.15 P.M. Examination tests. The same programme will be repeated on Thursday.

Royal Society of Arts, John Street, Adelphi, London, W.C., at 4.30 P.M. Mr. S. Charles Phillips on "Paper-supplies Affected by the War."

### Thursday, February 17.

Birkenhead, Wallasey, and Wirral Association of Pharmacists, Masonic Room, Woodside Hotel, Birkenhead, at 8 P.M. Mr. J. Cleworth (Manchester), lantern-lecture on "The Social Side of the British Pharmaceutical Conference."

West Ham Association of Pharmacists, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C., at 6 P.M. Annual dinner. Tickets (5*s.* each) from Mr. W. T. Johnson (Hon. Secretary), 123 Leytonstone Road, Stratford, E.

The Chemical Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W. at 8 P.M. Among the papers to be communicated are the following: "The Simultaneous Estimation of Carbon and Bromide by the Chromic-acid Method," by Mr. P. W. Robertson; "The Relation of Position Isomerism to Optical Activity. Part X.: The Menthyl Alkyl Esters of 3- and 4-Nitrophthalic Acid, etc.," by Messrs. J. B. Cohen, D. Woodroffe, and L. Anderson; "A New Reaction of Semicarbazide Hydrochloride," by Mr. E. E. Turner; "Note on a Product of Natural Indigo Manufacture," by Professor A. G. Perkins.

Hull Pharmacists' Association, Metropole Hall, at 2.45 P.M. General business, followed by a discussion on "Uniform Prices."

### Friday, February 18.

Royal Institution of Great Britain, Albemarle Street, Piccadilly, London, W., at 5.30 P.M. Professor E. G. Coker, D.Sc., on "Polarised Light and its Applications to Engineering."

PETERBOROUGH CHEMISTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and dinner will be held on February 24 at the Angel Hotel, Narrow Street. Tickets for dinner (5*s.* each) from Mr. H. E. Nobl (Hon. Secretary), Peterborough.



## Observations and Reflections.

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### The Registrar's Annual Report

is fairly satisfactory from the Society's point of view, if, that is, the Society is satisfied that its membership should "creep" up. There has been a little progress all round, except for the decline in the number of student associates, which was to be expected. The Executive Committee is still big with the "trade matters" question, but an "interesting event" is hoped for in May. I congratulate Mr. Knapman, to whose kind services I have more than once been indebted, on attaining his jubilee as librarian. The scheduling of laudanum I welcome, as I should welcome most any tightening-up of the schedule; I have heard it spoken of as a surrender, but it is not quite that. It will be a nuisance to have to register sales of pennyworths, and this may lead to refusals to sell so small a quantity, thus increasing the danger of misuse. Would it not be possible to charge an extra penny for registering when less than an ounce is sold? If we were all agreed there should be no difficulty about this.

### An Entire Drug

is, literally, a whole drug, the word "entire" being derived from the Latin *integrum*, whole, unbroken, sound. In figurative use both the Latin and the English words have carried the meaning of "unintended," "upright," but, says Murray, "with very few exceptions, only the literal senses have survived." The meaning "free from admixture" is not noted later than 1683, when Salmon wrote "intire from filth," and marked as obsolete. The phrase "vended entire" in the schedule to the Act of 1812 is therefore either a rival or a solitary survival of an old usage. The Act referred to, however, adds the words "without any mixture or composition with any other drug or ingredient whatsoever," so that, even granting Mr. Kerly's contention that an entire drug does not cease to be entire if mixed with starch and sugar, he failed to meet this point. As asserted, indeed, that sugar and starch are not ingredients in the sense of the Act, but this is mere assertion, and contrary to general usage, for excipients and vehicles are frequently called ingredients, and rightly so, since the word "ingredient" means anything that enters into composition with something else. For once the High Court was as correct in its philology as doubtless it was in its law.

### Air-raid Insurance

is a serious question with pharmacists, and an aspect that demands discussion is the injustice of laying upon the owners of certain kinds of property, and in certain parts of the country (say, the burden of insuring against loss from foreign invasion, which is a national peril affecting us all, since it threatens our very existence as an independent people. I tried to raise this objection to the Government's insurance scheme when it was first broached, but (I suppose from some obscure notion that opposition to the scheme was unpatriotic) I could get nobody to listen to me. A public movement is, however, now on foot to relieve individuals of this burden, and I suggest that every pharmacist, especially those who, in addition to the risk they run in common with the general public, are as insurance dispensers servants of the Government, should give their movement their support by writing to their Parliamentary representatives on the subject, and in every other possible way. The thing is unjust from many points of view, and bristles with anomalies. It costs more to insure my premises from air-raids than from ordinary fire risk, which is demonstratively exorbitant, at 50 per cent. more than my wealthy neighbour next door pays for his, on which there is no shop. There is no greater risk in my case than his, though I have a good deal more to lose if my living depends on my shop. I maintain that every class of the community should share the risks.

### Preferential Railway-rates

have been a bone of contention in this country for many years, and the fact that the Germans have been enjoying these special privileges need not surprise us, though it does not lessen our sense of the injustice. It is only another evidence of the unfair methods that have oppressed many British industries in the past. All forms of enterprise have suffered. The agriculturist used to complain that it cost him more to send wheat from Lincolnshire to London than it does for the grower in Minnesota to send it to London, even though it has to be transhipped at Liverpool. The fruit-grower in Kent or Surrey is handicapped by competition enjoying cheap transit, while woollen manufacturers complain of preferential rates in regard to wool, the raw material of their trade. From the point of view of the railway authorities there is something to be said in favour of preferences, but, on the other hand, the excessive demands made on the small trader are often, and not always unjustly, regarded as being imposed to compensate for the losses in connection with poor-paying preferential rates in other directions. The grievance is perennial; will it ever be redressed?

### The Situation at Bexley Heath

is an object-lesson we shall do well to take to heart. Its meaning is obvious: we can take duty under the Insurance Act, or we can leave it, but we are not indispensable; if we will not do the work somebody else will. This fact was fully appreciated at the first, but with our acceptance of the position offered us it has fallen somewhat into the background. The most formidable rival we had to fear at the beginning was the doctor. He is still there, and Boots, Ltd., are there, too, and are in some respects more formidable rivals than he. The company's action greatly weakens our case against the Commissioners, and strengthens their hands against us. If Boots find their terms good enough, why do not we? If Boots are ready to do the work, what does it matter that we refuse it? Would not the work be done with equal efficiency and less friction by one great organisation? These are questions which cannot but be asked, and our rivals are astute enough to suggest them. I am not complaining of Boots; they have a perfect right, being a business firm, to push their business on business lines. It would, however, be folly to play into their hands; if they get the bulk of Insurance work they will get a large proportion of our other business along with it. It is this that makes company chemists more to be feared than the doctors. We have got to face this situation, and to make up our minds as to whether or not we can afford to ignore it.

### The Sunday Observance Act

of Charles II. of pious memory is, as you recently had occasion to remind us, not without interest for us chemists, for apparently we are exempt from it only in so far as our sales on Sundays are works of necessity or charity, and I presume the onus of proof to lie on the seller. How is proof to be supplied? The Sunday before your report of the appeal in *Fairburn v. Evans* appeared, in order to allay a tickling in the throat which threatened to "drown the parson's saw," I bought a pennyworth of toffee at a small sweet-shop, little thinking I was thus making myself liable to a fine of 5*l*. Was I? It seems so, and I do not see why or how the place of purchase affects the character of the Act. Does it affect its legality? Should I have run the same risk if the purchase had been made at a chemist's? The difficulty of proof would have been equally great, and we have had some experience of the difficulty of proving necessity under the Shops Act. I believe that prosecutions under the Sunday Act cannot be undertaken without the consent of justices, but if so it is evident that justices do consent in cases that to the layman seem absurd. Last week an old neighbour of mine was fined 10*s*. for shooting a hare on Sunday in his own garden, and though this was under another and later Act the relevance of the reference is not lessened on that account. It proves that neither commonsense nor absolute right is the sole guide with those who "indifferently minister justice."



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**Editorial Articles.****Military Service.**

THE publication of the War Office notices regarding the coming into force of the Military Service Act has brought us a sheaf of inquiries as to the status of pharmacists under this Act and under the Derby recruiting-scheme. In the first place, it should be realised that the country requires all the men it can obtain for military services, and with this end in view has adopted various expedients for raising men. The response from pharmacists has been magnificent, as may be judged from the Pharmaceutical Roll of Honour which we have published week by week since the outbreak of war. It is acknowledged that there has been, and still is, a great waste of pharmaceutical talent in the tasks which soldier-chemist have had placed upon them. Gradually with the slowing down of the stream of volunteers there came a recognition that the export trade and the national services must not be unduly hampered, and that discrimination should be exercised in the selection of soldiers. Under the Derby recruiting-scheme there was drawn up a list of occupations which should be considered as reserved. Several lists of reserved occupations have been issued, and those parts of interest to chemists have been published in THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST. In one of these lists "Chemist in the sense of persons dispensing medicines under the National Insurance Acts" are specially mentioned, and this is taken to include all persons actually employed in that work. Whether dispensing chemists generally are entitled to be "starred"—that is, placed in the Reserved List—is not definitely known, but there is reason to believe that cause for inclusion can be made out in most cases. There is also provision made in the Derby recruiting-scheme by which recruits who can show the Local Tribunals that the call to the Colours would entail financial disaster to the recruit or his dependants can have their names placed in later groups. It seems under this plan to be the practice to place the applicants back five or ten groups, but the practice of the Advisory Committees does not appear to be uniform. The Military Service Act is now in force, and the group system is to close automatically on March 1. All unmarried men, or widowers without dependant children, who are



between the ages of eighteen and forty-two will thus be brought under the operation of the Act. In the Military Service Act there is provision made for the establishment of Local Tribunals, who have power to grant certificates of exemption on the following grounds:

(a) on the ground that it is expedient in the national interests that he should, instead of being employed in military service, be engaged in other work in which he is actually engaged or in which he wishes to be engaged or, if he is being educated or trained for any work, that he should continue to be so educated or trained; or

(b) on the ground that serious hardship would ensue, if the man were called up for Army service, owing to his exceptional financial or business obligations or domestic position; or

(c) on the ground of ill-health or infirmity; or

(d) on the ground of a conscientious objection to the undertaking of combatant service

It would seem that Sub-clauses (a) and (b) would ensure the exemption of most pharmacists, but it is entirely a matter for the Local Tribunals to decide. We have also received many applications for advice as to whether it is better to attest under the Derby scheme or answer the call of the Military Service Act. Our belief is that the preferable alternative is attestation. There are cases, however, in which correspondents express the preference to have their situation decided by the Tribunals established under the Military Service Act, and on this account we have given above the grounds upon which certificates of exemption are granted. It should be further pointed out that chemists who attest should make it clear to the recruiting officers that they claim to be engaged in a reserved occupation. The procedure then adopted is to place a mark against the recruit's name in the Army Register so that when the group to which he belongs is called up his name will not be included. Were a person engaged in a reserved occupation is called up, this may be due to the omission of the "star" on the list. The proper course then is for the employer to send at once a notice to the recruiting officer who has issued the notice, giving full particulars of the attested man's claims for exemption from military service. In some cases inquiries are made as to the genuineness of the claims, but in obvious cases the names are starred forthwith.

### Alcohol.

The question of considering the desirability of keeping out of this country the very large quantity of products used in the brewing and distilling industries having been raised in Parliament as a result of the desire for national economy and restriction of imports, it may be interesting to note that in the calendar year 1914 not less than 36,278,930 36-gallon barrels of beer was brewed and delivered for sale, and 51,933,629 proof gallons of spirits was made and handled (exclusive of imports amounting to 5,700,000 gallons) in the United Kingdom, together with 10,630,000 gallons of wine. During the year ended September 30, 1914, there were used the following quantities of materials in the manufacture of British spirits and beer:

|                                       | Spirits   | Beer       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Malt ... .. (bushels)                 | 8,928,024 | 52,525,634 |
| Unmalted grain ... ..                 | 9,706,736 | 92,385     |
| Rice and maize ... (cwt.)             | 36,660    | 1,566,506  |
| Sugar, molasses, glucose, etc. ... .. | 1,344,497 | 3,279,709  |
| Hops ... .. (lb.)                     | —         | 62,655,438 |

The above figures show a total weight of over two million tons in 1914. It must, however, be pointed out that 7½ million gallons of spirit was used for manufacturing purposes other than beverage, and at the present

time very large quantities of spirits are being distilled for use as a solvent in munition-manufacture. In the bonded warehouses on December 31, 1915, there were 154½ million proof gallons of home and foreign spirits, said to be equal to a five years' supply so far as the consumption of beverages is concerned, so that a clear case seems to be made out for restrictions in certain directions, and we understand that the Government are closely watching the matter. In 1907 the distillers representing 89 per cent. of the total output of spirits during that year reported that 73 per cent. of their grain came from abroad; the 300,000 tons of rice, maize, molasses, and sugar are, of course, imported, and the same applies to a large proportion of brewers' barley. The brewing of beer is in few hands, 82½ per cent. of the production in 1914 being brewed by 334 firms, and of these twenty-four brewed no less than 35 per cent. of the whole. Spirit-distillation is in still fewer hands, only 159 distilleries being at work in 1913 in the United Kingdom. It is estimated that the labour of about 465,000 men and women is devoted, directly or indirectly, to the making and selling of intoxicating liquor in the United Kingdom, and the question the Government has to consider is in what way this labour can be more usefully employed at this time of crisis.

### Foreign Trade in January.

THE Board of Trade Returns for January show that the year has opened well, an encouraging feature being a substantial increase in exports, which stand at 36,757,167*l.*, or 8,509,575*l.* more compared with January 1915, these figures being the highest recorded for any month since the outbreak of war. On the other hand, our imports continue to grow in a manner which some believe to be disconcerting, as they are much above the normal. Last month they were valued at 74,948,241*l.*, or 7,701,850*l.* more than in January 1915, an increase of 11.45 per cent. Analysing the three main tables, we find that foodstuffs rose 3,700,800*l.* to 34,644,500*l.*, enhanced prices rather than quantities going to swell these figures. Imports of raw materials, which were valued at 24,231,200*l.*, were 1,050,600*l.* more. Wool imports fell off by 1½ million sterling, and oil-seeds and the like were 41,536*l.* less at 3,700,000*l.*, but the prices generally went against us. Our imports of manufactured articles were valued at 15,813,000*l.*, or 3,037,000*l.* more compared with January 1915, which does not seem healthy on the surface; but over one-third of the advance was in chemicals and allied products, the imports of which were 2,410,000*l.*, or 1,126,300*l.* more. These figures are not surprising in view of the inflated values which prevail for many chemicals. The biggest increases in this schedule are among "all other kinds" of chemicals, 519,367*l.* The imports of this item were:

| 1914    | 1915    | 1916    |
|---------|---------|---------|
| £       | £       | £       |
| 114,090 | 128,487 | 647,854 |

thus showing the part that values play, as in these unenumerated figures acetate of lime, acetone, muriate of ammonia, sulphuric acid, and all the pharmaceutical chemicals are included. Dyestuff imports also display remarkable figures, the increase of those "unenumerated" being 352,320*l.* more compared with January 1915. The figures are:

|      | 1914   | 1915   | 1916    |
|------|--------|--------|---------|
| Cwt. | 11,914 | 20,359 | 28,071  |
| £    | 26,680 | 39,825 | 392,145 |



They show an increase of 7,712 cwt., for which we paid 362,320*l.* more! Imports of quinine were 88,704 oz. (24,680*l.*) more, and were as follows:

|     | 1914    | 1915    | 1916    |
|-----|---------|---------|---------|
| Oz. | 237,838 | 199,048 | 287,752 |
| £   | 10,820  | 11,751  | 36,431  |

Turning to the exports, we find a small advance of 234,000*l.* in food, drink, and tobacco, and in raw materials the rise is 1,185,000*l.* to 4,625,000*l.*, of which 642,000*l.* was for coal, which brought higher prices as the tonnage fell off 10 per cent., and the receipts were almost 25 per cent. more. Oil-seeds and the like declined by 17,000*l.* to 437,850*l.*; the tendency here is to tighten the grip on these exports. The bulk of our gain in exports occurred, as usual, in manufactured products, there being substantial increases in iron and steel, cotton and woollen goods. Chemicals, drugs, dyes, and colours were up by 640,000*l.*, the figures being as follows:

|   | 1914      | 1915      | 1916      |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| £ | 2,021,992 | 1,624,435 | 2,261,510 |

The upward trend of values is reflected in these figures—*e.g.*, the exports of bleaching-powder declined by 6,589 cwt., but the value increased by 3,854*l.*; of benzol and toluol 926,800 gallons was exported, against 151,800 gallons, but aniline oil was restricted to 24,500 lb.—only. There were large exports of tar oil, creosote, etc. (3,772,000 gallons in all). Medicine exports were 15,800*l.* more at 253,800*l.*, the increase in quinine being 115,531 oz., or 16,194*l.*; we give further details in our Trade Report. Soda compounds declined by 32,728 cwt., sulphuric acid by 2,718 cwt., tartaric acid by 693 cwt., and potash compounds by 19,870*l.* Considering that a large proportion of export trading has to be declined owing to the inability to supply, the results in January must be considered good.

### Ceylon Coca.

WITH reference to the note on Ceylon coca (*C. & D.*, February 5, p. 47), we learn from the Imperial Institute that the statement which has appeared in the Ceylon papers that the Ceylon Agricultural Society spent a lot of money in getting an elaborate analysis of Ceylon coca-leaves through the Imperial Institute is inaccurate. No charge to the Ceylon Agricultural Society has been made for any analyses of coca conducted at the Imperial Institute.

### Signing for Laudanum.

THE fact that the Pharmaceutical Society has passed a resolution lowering the alkaloidal strength of opium preparations, so that laudanum of the strength prescribed in the British Pharmacopoeia 1898 is included in Part 1 of the Schedule of Poisons, has been published this week in a large number of newspapers throughout Great Britain. There is no harm done by such a statement as that made in "The Times" that "it is now illegal for chemists to sell laudanum to any person who is not personally known or introduced to them, and the buyer will have to sign the poison-book," but it is not strictly correct. The procedure required by the Pharmacy Acts is that the resolution passed by the Pharmaceutical Society must be submitted for the approval of the Privy Council, and that if such approval be given the resolution and approval are to be advertised in the "London Gazette," and on the expiration of one month from such advertisement the article named in the resolution is to be deemed to be a poison within the meaning of that Act. It is open to chemists to consider that they are bound at once to register all sales

of laudanum, as it is certain that the approval of the Privy Council will follow, seeing that it was upon pressure exerted by that body that the resolution was passed. The position was much that of the wolf and the lamb—which is which we need not particularise. There has, however, been a general assent to the change, although a few manufacturers have urged that the change should have been the opposite to that which is to be made. The line of least resistance was followed by the Pharmaceutical Council. Previous experiences with the Privy Council have not been without permanent effect.

### Trade after the War.

PROBABLY the most important recommendation of the Sub-Committee of the Board of Trade's Advisory Committee on Commercial Intelligence published in the report issued last week (see *C. & D.*, February 5, p. 4) is the suggested tariff on imports of certain articles, the manufacture of which, having been undertaken in this country, it is now necessary to protect after the war. These industries naturally desire some security against the efforts which will presumably be made to break them by dumping accumulated enemy stocks after peace is declared. One of these trades is the manufacture of optical and chemical glass, on which it is proposed that the import-duties should be from 25 to 30 per cent. *ad valorem* for five years. The industry is a "key" industry, and its retention in this country is of national importance; on common glasswares the proposed duties are 10 to 15 per cent. *ad valorem*, and on glass bottles 5 per cent. *ad valorem*; brushes and brushware are also recommended for a 15 per cent. *ad valorem* duty. In this connection a large number of educational institutions and authorities, at the instance of the British Science Guild, have already undertaken not to purchase any chemical glassware of foreign manufacture for a period of three years after the war, provided that an adequate supply of British manufacture is forthcoming. The branches of industry referred to by the Sub-Committee do not include the manufacture of chemicals, and it is to be regretted that no evidence was invited from British firms who are endeavouring to build up new businesses and who are reasonably entitled to expect that the Government will safeguard them from the effects of unrestricted German competition after the war.

## New Books.

*British Journal Photographic Almanac, 1916.* 7½×4½. Pp. 983. 1*s.* net; cloth 2*s.* net. (Greenwood & Co., Ltd., 24 Wellington Street, Strand, London, W.C.) [This old-established photographic annual—it was established in 1860—contains the usual wealth of advertisements and literary matter. The epitome of progress is a valuable review of the photographic events of the year. It is arranged in sections, which permits of a ready assimilation of the information. In place of the usual review of new apparatus, which it would be unfair to attempt in these times, some fifty pages are devoted to an enumeration of British resources in the manufacture of photographic materials and apparatus. The formulary section is brought up to date, and is preceded by a classified list of booklets issued by photographic manufacturers, which has made it unnecessary to include in the formulary those peculiar to a particular manufacture. The frontispiece is a photogravure of the interior of the Suleiman Mosque, Constantinople.]

*Calendar of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1916.* 8½×5½. Pp. 251+list of members and donors to Benevolent Fund. 2*s.* (Pharmaceutical Society, 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.) [This familiar drab-coloured volume deals with official matters connected with the Pharmaceutical Society. The various Acts of Parliament are given dealing with the sale of poisons and the practice of pharmacy and the charter and by-laws which govern the Society. The Medical Benefit Regulations under the National Insurance Act, together with lists of Pharmaceutical Committees, are also included. The list of members occupies about half the volume.]



## Associations' Winter Session.

Our meetings are reported under Insurance Dispensing Reports.

**Blackpool.**—The annual meeting of the Blackpool and the Pharmacists' Association was held at Blackpool on February 3, Mr. J. W. Huddart (President) in the chair. The Secretary (Mr. D. J. Bailey), in his report, reviewed the work of the past year, and the Treasurer (Mr. G. A. Clie) submitted the balance-sheet. These were approved. The retiring President was thanked for his services during the year, and then the election of officers for 1916 took place as follows: *President*, Mr. J. Laurie; *Vice-Presidents*, Messrs. Johnson and Huddart; *Hon. Secretary*, Mr. D. J. Bailey; *Hon. Assistant Secretary*, Mr. G. A. Clarke; *Treasurer*, Mr. J. F. Blackhurst; *Committee*, Messrs. Borooyd, Greenwood, Kershaw, Sankey, and Swift; *Advisors*, Messrs. R. H. Speight and O. L. Jackson; *Drug Sub-Committee*, Messrs. Laurie, Bailey, Boothroyd, Clarke, and Huddart. The new President proposed a vote of condolence with the widow of the late Dr. T. W. Butcher, and remarked that the pharmacists of the town had lost one of their best friends in him. The vote was passed standing.

**Bournemouth.**—The annual meeting of the Bournemouth Pharmaceutical Association was held on January 21, Mr. Vallae E. Curtis in the chair. Mr. Hirst, the retiring President, was unable to be present owing to illness. A resolution was passed thanking Mr. Hirst for his services and expressing the hope of his speedy recovery. The accounts, showing a balance in hand of 11. 13s. 6d., were adopted and the following officers elected for 1916: *President*, Mr. A. E. Lodder; *Treasurer*, Mr. D. Buchan; *Hon. Secretary*, Mr. J. H. Scampton; *Assistant Hon. Secretary*, Mr. A. J. Worth; *Committee*, Messrs. Bilson, Bingham, Ro and Curtis, Messrs. Lodder, Bingham, and Scampton were also elected as delegates to the Bournemouth Traders' Federation. An informal discussion then took place on Insurance and other matters.

**Cambridge Junior.**—A meeting of the Cambridge Junior Pharmaceutical Association was held on January 31, Mr. Curse in the chair. Miss Segar gave a lecture on *Manufacturing Pharmacy*. She dealt with the way drugs were dried and powdered, also the making of tinctures by the maceration, percolation, and re-percolation processes. Drawings of the machinery used were shown. Letters were read from the President (Mr. Piekering) and the Treasurer (Mr. Ridgeley) resigning their positions on joining the Army. Mr. Curse was then elected President and Mr. Speakman Treasurer.

**Doncaster.**—A meeting of the Doncaster Association of Pharmacists took place at the Albany Hotel on February 1, the President (Mr. F. W. Playford) in the chair. Mr. Bernard Hues was elected a member. At the request of one or two of the county members, it was decided to try to arrange a Thursday evening meeting in the near future. A letter was read from the Leeds Chemists' Association and the West Riding County Association, propounding a scheme for the federation of all the Yorkshire Associations into one body for organisation purposes. Messrs. E. A. Collings and H. W. Stiles were elected as delegates to the meeting in Leeds, at which the question is to be discussed. A discussion took place on prices of various patent medicines, and it was resolved to try to arrange a minimum price locally for several of the closely-cut proprietary articles.

**Dumfries.**—A meeting of the Dumfries and Maxwell Chemists' Association was held recently, at which it was intimated that Mr. James Reid, the Hon. Secretary, wished to be relieved of his duties. Mr. Reid has been Secretary for almost twenty years, and has been of great practical help in fostering and maintaining the good feeling which has long characterised this Association in the "Glen of the South." Mr. John Fraser, who holds the position of Secretary to the Pharmaceutical Committee, was appointed to be Mr. Reid's successor. The Chairman of the Local Association and also of the Pharmaceutical Committee is Mr. Alexander Turner, pharmacist, Buccleuch Street, Dumfries.

**Essex.**—The annual meeting of the Essex County Association of Pharmacists was held on February 8 at 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., Mr. Matthews (President) in the chair. In his presidential address he dealt with the trade aspect of the past twelve months, referring particularly to the powerful factor—viz., finance, and its part in the successful issue of the war. He implored economy upon all, and also reviewed National Health Insurance matters. While being a little pessimistic as to better terms being gained from the Commissioners,

he pleaded for fair play towards the Local Associations Executive and the Pharmaceutical Society, and asked members to refrain from wholesale condemnation should these bodies not gain their aims. He believed they were honestly doing their best. He congratulated Mr. Goode on his co-optation to a seat upon the Council. Mr. E. White, President of the Pharmaceutical Society, then addressed the meeting, and dealt in an interesting manner with the scope and aims of the Pharmaceutical Society. Mr. White having been thanked for his address, the election of officers for 1916 took place as follows: *President*, Mr. England; *Vice-President*, Mr. J. H. Matthews; *Treasurer*, Mr. E. A. Holloway; *Hon. Secretary*, Mr. C. Goode; *Committee*, re-elected. It was decided to raise the subscription to 3s. 6d. per annum, the "script" to be supplied to each member free as before. A letter from the Association of Dispensers was read, and it was decided to record the members' appreciation of the attitude taken up by the Council in this difficult matter. Matters were reported from the Metropolitan and Home Counties Organisation Committee, and the actions of their delegates, Messrs. Matthews and Goode, were ratified.

**Great Yarmouth.**—A meeting of the Great Yarmouth Pharmaceutical Association was held on February 3, Mr. A. E. Richmond in the chair. A reply was read from the Proprietary Articles Trade Association, stating that to carry out the suggestion of face-value for patents and proprietaries is practically impossible. It was agreed not to hold a dinner this year. Mr. Breese's letter regarding the formation of a Chemists' Union was considered, but no action was taken.

**Halifax.**—The annual meeting of the Halifax Chemists' Association was held on February 8, Mr. H. K. Woodward in the chair. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place as follows: *President*, Mr. A. Taylor; *Vice-Presidents*, Messrs. H. K. Woodward, B. C. Hodgson, and J. A. Sutcliffe; *Treasurer*, Mr. P. W. Swire; *Hon. Secretary*, Mr. R. V. Sutcliffe. Circular letter P.S. 20 was read and received the approval of the meeting, emphasis being pressed upon the paragraph relating to the sale of the products of British manufacture. The question of the formation of a Chemists' Union as suggested by Mr. C. Breese was next raised, but the opinion was expressed that the Pharmaceutical Society is the only body which pharmacists should support. A letter from the Association of Certified Dispensers was considered, but in the absence of definite figures it was decided that the letter should lie on the table. Numerous points relating to Insurance matters from the Secretary of the Pharmaceutical Committee, Mr. P. W. Swire, brought the meeting to a close.

**Kent.**—The annual meeting of the County of Kent Association of Pharmacists was held at 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., on February 2, the President (Mr. A. E. Hobbs) in the chair. The Hon. Secretary produced the minutes, report, and financial statement, which were read and adopted. The following officers were elected for the year 1916: *President*, Mr. A. E. Hobbs; *Vice-Presidents*, Mr. J. Harcombe-Cuff, Mr. Oliver, and Mr. Taylor; *Treasurer*, Mr. A. Fred. Corfe; *Hon. Secretary*, Mr. J. E. French. The Committee was elected on representative lines, as formerly.

**Leeds.**—At the meeting of the Leeds Chemists' Association held on February 2 (C. & D., February 5, p. 51), the letter from the Association of Certified Dispensers was considered (see C. & D., February 5, p. 58), but the subject was not one with which the meeting showed sympathy. Mr. J. H. Beacock and Mr. H. Gillegan were reappointed delegates on the scheme for forming a Yorkshire Federation of Chemists' Associations. Mr. W. L. Currie gave an address on *What is Wrong with Pharmacy?* It is a weakness, he said, to try to introduce trade matters into the deliberations of the Pharmaceutical Council, bearing in mind that chemists are entitled to be regarded as being of professional status. Chemists are as much professional men as any of the other professions. They have often stood between the patient and the doctor and saved the life of the patient. In the present critical time everything must be done to maintain a high standard, and chemists should not sell their professional ability for nothing. Mr. Currie then referred to the unfortunate practice of prescribing proprietary medicines by doctors. This is sometimes due to the fact that the doctor seeks in this way to save time, and sometimes because he is not aware that chemists can make up medicaments equal to any sent out as proprietary. If a chemist is not capable of making pills containing  $\frac{1}{32}$  gr. of strychnine, or of making capsules, he would not have been able to pass his examinations. Educational requirements must be kept up, as youths are wanted in the calling who have a good sound general education. He hoped that before long the division of the Qualifying examination



would be an accomplished fact. Mr. Currie supported the idea of a Federation of Yorkshire chemists, but warned his hearers of the danger of a multiplicity of organisations. The action of the Scottish chemists over the Drug Tariff is an example of what can be done by unity and federation. In regard to trade matters, a scheme would be brought forward before long to have these discussed separately from the Pharmaceutical Council. Mr. Currie finished by quoting the following utterance of Jacob Bell:

"Political controversies and mercenary disputes are injurious to the interests and character of both parties—the most effective methods which any class of men can adopt for securing their political and advancing their professional standing consists not in disputation and warm argument, but in a steady and persevering attention to intellectual improvement, and the establishment of such regulations as are calculated to ensure collective privileges by increasing the amount of individual merit."

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Currie, on the proposition of Mr. J. H. Beacock, seconded by Mr. Bentley.

**London (N.).**—A meeting of the North London Association was held on February 3 at St. Padarn's Hall, Holloway, the President (Mr. A. W. Bromley) in the chair. After the Secretary (Mr. Herbert Skinner) had outlined the doings of the month, a novelty was introduced in the shape of a report by the Trade Secretary (Mr. Hugo Wolff) on the markets in drugs and chemicals. This drew forth an interesting discussion, and trade matters were the subjects round which all the talk of the afternoon revolved. The Secretary was asked to approach a soap-manufacturer on the question of protecting his prices by placing his goods on the list of the Proprietary Articles Trade Association. The question of the supplies of goods from neutral countries, which originally arose in the Middlesex Association on the motion of Mr. Wolff, was brought to the notice of the members through the circular from the Local Associations Executive, and it was resolved to come into line with other Associations on the matter. Cards and circulars are to be printed on the subject with the purpose of bringing it before the public. The failure of the London Insurance Committee to meet their obligations for the year 1914 provoked a storm of protest. It was felt that nothing but strong action would meet the case, and the Secretary was asked to approach the Pharmaceutical Committee so as to obtain a settlement forthwith. It has been found that accounts are in a very muddled state. Messrs. Brown, Lloyd, Hearle, Skinner, Tocher, Wolff, and Daniel took part in the discussion. It was also moved that the County Executive should take in hand the question of the state of affairs for the year 1915, as nothing has been paid for the months of November and December, and only 5d. per prescription for the preceding months. On the question of the checking bureau it was decided to leave it in the hands of the Pharmaceutical Committee on the understanding that the Committee would take pains to conserve the interests of those who contribute the money. A letter of congratulation was sent to Mr. Goode on his co-option to the Pharmaceutical Council.

**London (S.E.).**—Mr. A. J. Hunt, Greenwich, writes to point out that the resolution to discontinue the sale of certain patent medicines (*C. & D.*, February 5, p. 52), was not arrived at unanimously. The view that Mr. Hunt took at the meeting was the broader one that without general consent throughout the area such a scheme would fail in its purpose. He is, however, not antagonistic to proposals which would tend to cut off the sale of profitless proprietaries.

**London (W.).**—A meeting of the Western Pharmacists' Association was held at the Restaurant Frascati, Oxford Street, London, W., on February 9, the President (Mr. A. R. Melhuish) in the chair. A few questions on Insurance matters were asked. Letters were read from the London County Association drawing attention to the proposed dinner of the Pharmacists' Volunteer Training Corps to be held in April next, and to the sale of British-manufactured goods in all pharmacies. Dr. Macdonald Brown then gave a lecture on *Radium*. He outlined the progress made in science from the early days to the present time, leading up to the discovery of radium by Madame Curie. He explained the new conception of the atom, and, after enumerating the sources of radium, he stated that there would probably be about 20 grams of radium in the whole world. The radio-activity of thorium lasts five years, whereas that of radium lasts 2,500 years. In the elucidation method of the detection of radium a demonstration was given with the electroscope, which much interested the members. As to the costliness of radium, in 1903 it was 8s. per milligram and in 1912 it was 15s. per milligram. In demonstrating the luminosity of radium, the lecturer used a small tube containing radium valued at 200l. In dealing with the medical uses of radium, the lecturer stated that radium-

water only lasts a few days, it requires to be prepared afresh for each daily dose. Six weeks' treatment of half-litre bottles of radium-water costs eighteen guineas. In the discussion which followed, Major Rawlinson, R.A.M.C., and Dr. Horsford took part. The lecturer assisted in his demonstration by Mr. J. D. Marshall and Mr. S. Kutnow, who had brought a large number of radium salts and appliances for demonstration.

**Merthyr Tydvil.**—The annual meeting of the Merthyr Tydvil Pharmacists' Association was held at 148 High Street, Merthyr, on February 2, the President (Mr. R. P. Rees) in the chair. The Secretary (Mr. Francis) gave a *résumé* of last year's work, and tendered his resignation of his office after three years' service. The Treasurer (Mr. Harries) presented the accounts, which showed a balance in hand. The following were then elected to hold office for the ensuing year: *President*, Mr. V. A. Williams; *Treasurer*, Mr. Owen; *Secretary*, Mr. Evan J. Harris; *Dowlaids*. A vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers.

**Southampton.**—A whist-drive was given this week by Mr. W. Martin (President) and Mrs. Martin to the members of the Southampton Pharmacists' Association. There were about eighty present. The Masonic Hall was artistically decorated, and refreshments were provided in the ante-room. After the distribution of the prizes Mr. Bates proposed a vote of thanks to the hosts, which was carried with enthusiasm.

**Wrexham.**—A meeting of the Wrexham Pharmacists' Association was held at Wrexham on February 3, Mr. C. Caldecott in the chair. The Treasurer presented his report which showed a small balance in hand. The Chairman welcomed Mr. L. B. Rowland, this being the first meeting of the Association since his election as Mayor. Mr. W. Saunders' scheme for standardising the prices of patent medicines and proprietary articles was considered, but was generally felt that this matter could best be dealt with by the Proprietary Articles Trade Association. The Insurance prescriptions in the area are to be priced by the Clerks to the Insurance Committee (who is a registered chemist) and his staff. It was also resolved that the members of the Association, in dealing in goods, wherever possible should give preference to British and Colonial products. A communication was read from Mr. Breeze, Streatham, regarding the formation of a Chemists' Union, but the members thought that the Pharmaceutical Society, supported by the pharmacists, would attain the object of a Union. Acting on the suggestion of Mr. J. B. Francis, a Sub-Committee was appointed to arrange a price-list for this area.

## Insurance Act Dispensing.

A Record of matters concerning Chemists' interests in the National Health Insurance Acts.

### Reports from Local Centres.

With special reference to the supply of medicines and appliances.

#### ENGLAND.

**Bath.**—The Pharmaceutical Committee is calling the attention of panel chemists to the new pricing arrangement and states that prescriptions ordered under stock formulae (mist. gent. cum soda, mist. quin., etc.) will be priced on the Abbey Green Dispensary Formulary. The formulae can be obtained from the Secretary. To save members trouble and cost of postage, the Committee is willing to send the whole of the Bath scripts in one consignment to the pricing establishment at Bristol. Instructions as to packing and date are then given.—At a meeting of the Medical Benefit Sub-Committee, the application of the Pharmaceutical Committee for administrative expenses was granted. A letter was read from the Pharmaceutical Committee suggesting that "aqua" should in all cases be interpreted as "aqueous" during 1916. The Committee, on the advice of the doctors' representative—who stated that he considered distilled water to be unwholesome—declined to agree to the proposition. A late dispensing-fee of 4d. extra for prescriptions written and dispensed between the hours of 9 P.M. and 8 A.M. was assented to. It was arranged to pay the chemists the sum of 6d. per script on account for the first three or four months of 1916.

**Berkshire.**—The Insurance Committee has decided to join the Pricing Bureau at Birmingham.

**Blackburn.**—The Insurance Committee has this week issued a report regarding the request of panel chemists that "repeat mixture" prescriptions should be abolished (see



**C. D.**, February 5, p. 53). This report follows the lines recommended by the Conference held by the Insurance Committee, the Panel Committee, and the Pharmaceutical Committee. There have also been issued comparative statements of the work of the Insurance Committee during the last three years. These show that in 1913 the number of scripts issued was 213,263, the amount claimed by the chemists was 196*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*, the amount allowed 7,043*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*, and the average cost per script for the year 7.92*d.* For 1914 the figures were 203,157 scripts, 7,179*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.* claimed, 7,211*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* allowed, and average cost 8.52*d.* For 1915 the statistics were: 177,370 scripts, 5,327*l.* 5*s.* claimed, 5,311*l.* 9*s.* allowed, and average cost 7.21*d.*—At a meeting of the Insurance Committee on February 8, complaints were made that some insured persons had paid their panel doctor for medicine which should be dispensed by a chemist on the panel. Mr. F. Morley invited members of the Committee to report at once any such breach of agreement on the part of a doctor so as to ensure the just rights of patient and chemist. Alderman Watson (Chairman) stated that if any case was proved to the satisfaction of the Committee in which a doctor intimated to a patient that he could not get proper and sufficient drugs under the Insurance Act, or recommended his patients to receive private treatment in place of panel treatment, they would take a serious view of the matter and report to the Insurance Commissioners that in their opinion his continuance on the panel would be prejudicial to the efficiency of the medical service of the insured.

**Lurnmouth.**—The Pharmaceutical Committee met on February 4, and appointed the Pharmaceutical Society its agent in the checking of prescription-pricing. It was also agreed to pay to the Society for this service a sum calculated at one-fifth of a penny per insured person within the area. The price-list of The British Drug Houses was adopted for drugs not mentioned in the Drug Tariff. It was agreed to ask the Insurance Committee to make arrangements for forwarding prescriptions to the Western Pricing Bureau at Bristol free of charge to pharmacists.

**Radford.**—The report for 1915, which was before the Insurance Committee at its last meeting, states that the prescriptions dispensed numbered 333,828, compared with 375,544 in the previous year. The amount of the chemists' bill was 11,235*l.*, as against 13,948*l.* in 1914, and the average cost per prescription worked out at 8.07*d.*, as against 8.9*d.* Reference was also made to the new Drug Tariff and the arrangements for pricing prescriptions.

**Bristol.**—The Insurance Committee has passed a resolution strongly protesting against the decision of the South-Western Joint Pricing Committee in refusing additional representation to the large Insurance Committees in its area, and requesting the Commissioners to take immediate steps to secure that the large financial interests of the Committees should be adequately recognised. It has been pointed out that a Committee dealing with 20,000 people and 50,000 prescriptions has the same representation as Bristol with 13,000 panel patients and some 400,000 prescriptions annually. There is a strong feeling that unless adequate representation is obtained Bristol should decline to have anything to do with the Committee. Offices for the Pricing Bureau have been taken in Cardwell Chambers, Marsh Stet, and the work of pricing prescriptions has commenced. The Bristol Committee will contribute approximately one-fifth of the cost of the bureau.

**Bury.**—At the meeting of the Bury Insurance Committee on February 2, the reply of the Commissioners regarding the payment of emergency dressings was read. This recommended a flat rate of 1*s.* per annum for every hundred insured persons on the doctors' list, excluding rural area patients. The Commissioners also pointed out that it is no longer open to the Panel Committee to select for dispensing special rates mixtures from the local Formulary. These can only be selected from the list in the Tariff. The procedure of prescription pricing and checking was explained. The Pharmaceutical Committee had intimated, stated the Clerk, that the checking would be done by the individual chemists concerned.

**Leventry.**—At the meeting of the Insurance Committee on January 31, the Chairman explained the arrangements that have been made for a central pricing bureau, and urged that the Committee enter the West Midland group. Objections were expressed at the way the Committee had been treated by the Commissioners, but it is satisfactory that the Chairman was able to obtain concessions as to the right of control and nomination of staff.

**Lumberland.**—At the meeting of the Insurance Committee on January 28, a letter was received from Dr. Pythornthwaite, Rowrah, stating that, as the Committee refused to pay for the drugs he prescribes, he proposes, from

February 1, to charge 1*s.* a bottle for medicine, payable in advance. The Clerk was directed to write and point out the illegality of such a proceeding.

**Essex.**—At a meeting of the Pharmaceutical Committee on February 8, it was decided to authorise the Pharmaceutical Society to be agents for the checking of prescriptions under the Central Bureau system and to contribute one-fifth of a penny per insured person for the cost of this service. The report from the Drug Sub-Committee was received and considered. It was decided to press for the arrangement of pricing emergency dressings at 33½ per cent. over cost, and not to accept the alternative suggestion that 1*s.* per 100 patients should be allowed the medical man. Progress was reported in the case of surcharging a medical man under I.C. 40. It was decided to ask for a late dispensing-fee of 3*d.* for all prescriptions dispensed after 9 P.M. Other matters were referred to the Local Associations Executive for their consideration.

**Gloucestershire.**—The Insurance Committee on February 5 received a letter from the Commissioners pointing out that in the protest forwarded by the Committee no evidence was tendered as to the ability of the Committee to price prescriptions at less cost than under the Central Bureau scheme. If an estimate had been drawn up it would have been seen that the cost of doing the work locally would be prohibitive. The Chairman afterwards submitted a report from the prescription-checker (Mr. Mountford), which showed that the average cost of prescriptions during the year was 7.9*d.* The amount saved by Mr. Mountford in correcting errors of pricing was 65*l.*

**Grimsby.**—At recent meetings of the Grimsby Pharmacists' Association it was decided to entrust the checking of prescriptions within the area to the Pharmaceutical Society. Mr. C. Dewing also raised the question of securing uniformity in the retail prices at which drugs are sold. It was decided to send out circulars to the members with a list of what should be regarded as minimum prices.

**Hampshire.**—At the meeting of the Insurance Committee on February 7, it was reported that 75 per cent. of the chemists' November and December accounts had been paid. Reports were presented by the Medical Benefit Sub-Committee on the new prescription-checking scheme. The new Checking Bureau has engaged the services of Mr. Griffiths, formerly with the Hampshire Committee, as expert supervisor at a salary of 140*l.* per annum, with an understanding that the salaries would be revised in six months' time. It was proposed to allow 10*l.* for expenses of removal. The Committee having passed a resolution at their last meeting, and forwarded it to the Insurance Commissioners protesting against the short time allowed for the preparation of arrangements under the checking scheme, the Commissioners have replied expressing regret, and adding that owing to the exceptional conditions of the war the negotiations were considered under unusual difficulties. On the question of repeat mixtures, it was reported that the Panel Committee had resolved that where the chemist makes a written application to the doctor prescriptions should be written in full at the commencement of each calendar month. The Pharmaceutical Committee wrote explaining fully the reasons for desiring the abolition of repeat-mixture prescriptions without exception or qualification, and the Chairman of the Committee, having explained to the Medical Benefit Sub-Committee that the representatives of other Insurance Committees were of unanimous opinion that repeat-mixture prescriptions would render the working of the Checking Bureau extremely difficult, and that they should not be allowed, the Sub-Committee agreed, and the Clerk was instructed to take the necessary steps with a view to this resolution being carried into effect at the earliest possible moment. Later, however, it was reported that the Panel Committee had, under the clause provided in their contracts, refused to agree to the Committee's resolution, and that the Commissioners had been advised accordingly. A full statement of the Committee's case, together with a copy of the reasons advanced by the Pharmaceutical Committee in support, would be forwarded for consideration, but no final reply had yet been received. In the meanwhile arrangements had been made with the doctors by agreement for prescriptions to be re-written once in every calendar month. Mr. Baker (chemists' representative) protested against the Commissioners reversing the decision of the Medical Benefit Sub-Committee, and the Clerk read the Commissioners' reply which had been received, and which was dated January 31. This stated, "With reference to the question of repeat mixtures, the Commissioners had decided that the general rule prescribing the use of the term 'Rep. mist.' in the area of the Committee should be subject to the qualification that the



term may be employed if both of the following conditions are fulfilled: (a) That the prescription to which reference is made has been given in the same calendar month; and (b) that the patient does not ask for the prescription to be written in full." The Commissioners added that they had given this decision as the matter was on administrative terms one of urgency, but they felt that the time at their disposal had not been sufficient to enable them to obtain a full statement of the views of the Panel and Pharmaceutical Committees, and they accordingly proposed to limit the operation of their decision to a period of three months from January 1.

**Kesteven.**—At a meeting of the Kesteven (Lincs) Insurance Committee on January 29, the payment of 164*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* for chemists' accounts was sanctioned for the year ended December 31. Mr. Spyvee, chemist, Sleaford, wrote that he was renewing his contract under protest, as he considers the remuneration offered by the new Tariff inadequate.

**Lincoln.**—At a meeting of the Insurance Committee on January 28, the Clerk, in reply to a question, said that the Commissioners have stated that they are about to issue a list of stock mixtures, from which the ten mixtures allowed by the Regulations may be selected. Lincoln is to join the Eastern Midlands Pricing Bureau, which has its headquarters at Sheffield. The new scheme is for the benefit of chemists, said the Clerk, who added that in Lincoln the chemists have been paid in full except for one quarter in 1915, when there was an epidemic.

**London (Co.).**—The Pharmaceutical Committee met at Bank Chambers, High Holborn, W.C., on February 8, Mr. A. H. Jenkin (Chairman) in the chair. Arising out of a question raised by Mr. Keall as to information regarding chemists' accounts for 1916, a resolution was passed requesting the Insurance Committee to furnish each chemist on the list, when paying the checked amounts due to him for 1916 each month, with particulars of (a) the value of the drugs at cost-price; (b) the value of establishment-charges; and (c) the value of dispensing fees. The Committee gave further consideration to the work to be undertaken by the Central Checking Bureau on behalf of the Pharmaceutical Committee, and, after discussion, agreed to appoint the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain as its agent in the checking of prescriptions priced by the London Insurance Committee for the year 1916. It was also agreed to pay to the Executive Committee of Local Associations a sum calculated at one-fifth of one penny per insured person within the area of the said Insurance Committee for the above service. Correspondence between the Pharmaceutical Committee and the Panel Committee regarding the supply of tuberculin and Hedley's malted milk with hæmoglobin was then considered and formally received. The Committee maintained that these preparations, having been supplied *bona fide* by chemists, must be paid for. Letter P.S. 20 from the Pharmaceutical Society, concerning the Checking Bureau and prompt payment of chemists' accounts, was considered and formally adopted. The Finance Sub-Committee, in submitting their report, recommended that application be made to the Insurance Committee for the total amount of the estimated administrative expenses for the year 1916. This was agreed to. They also reported that the Pharmaceutical Committee's contribution towards the pricing and scrutiny of prescriptions for the year 1915 was 1,640*l.*, but as the amount in hand was not sufficient to meet that liability, and in view of the fact that 800*l.* applied for had not yet been received from the Insurance Committee in respect of the administrative expenses for the year 1915, it was impossible for them to recommend this payment. The Statutory Rules and Orders, 1915 (No. 1237), were formally received. The Committee considered the method of payment to chemists for 1916, in accordance with Article 8 (1) of the Medical Benefit Regulations, 1916, and after some discussion it was finally decided to recommend to the Insurance Committee that the rateable proportion of the administrative expenses of the Pharmaceutical Committee be deducted from each chemist's account monthly. Further reports were received from the Secretary (Mr. G. A. Tocher) and the Technical Sub-Committee (of the Pharmaceutical Committee). The last-named Sub-Committee emphasised their disapproval of the use of stock mixtures in any form, believing the system to be bad for all parties concerned.

**Oxford.**—At the meeting of the City Insurance Committee on January 28, the payment was sanctioned of chemists' accounts for the last quarter of 1915, amounting to 276*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* The appointment of representatives on the Birmingham Pricing Bureau was sanctioned. Mr. H. C. Goodall (Chairman) then referred to the questions by the Pharmaceutical Committee which have replied to by the Commissioners. The chemists have been advised to

accept the ruling of the Commissioners that there are difficulties in leaving the use of tap or distilled water to the discretion of the chemist, although the chemists are full of opinion that distilled water should be used in preparations. The "late" fee has been fixed by the Commissioners as follows:

An additional dispensing-fee of 3*d.* will be allowed in respect of each prescription marked "Urgent" by the practitioner to whom it is issued, which is presented for dispensing as is dispensed by the chemist between the hours of 8 P.M. and 1 P.M. on ordinary days and between the hours of 1 P.M. on early-morning days, Sundays, Bank-holidays, and Christmas Day and 8 A.M. on the following day.

These fees are half those which the Insurance Committee considered proper, but the resolution as given above was adopted with the inclusion of Good Friday among the extraordinary days.

**Manchester.**—At the meeting of the Pharmaceutical Committee on February 2 a number of important matters relating to Insurance were dealt with, but before proceeding with the business the chairman, Mr. F. W. Bates, J.P., read a letter from Mr. G. A. Mallinson, resigning his position as honorary secretary. The Chairman paid a high tribute to Mr. Mallinson's abilities, and said he desired to place on record the high esteem in which Mr. Mallinson was held, and for the services he had rendered as honorary secretary to the Pharmaceutical Committee since the commencement of National Health Insurance. The pharmacists of Manchester are sorry that Mr. Mallinson has resigned, but they are pleased to know that he had been chosen to receive such a high position of trust as head of the Pharmaceutical Society's Checking Bureau. The following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this Committee accept with regret the resignation of Mr. G. A. Mallinson as secretary and member of the Manchester Pharmaceutical Insurance Committee, and wish to place on record their high appreciation of his unstinted labours on behalf of pharmacists, for they are convinced that his new sphere of work will be as successful as that which he has relinquished." Mr. A. Hershberg, pharmacist, was elected hon. secretary to fill vacancy occasioned by retirement of Mr. G. A. Mallinson.



MR. G. A. MALLINSON.

**Rotherham.**—At the meeting of the Insurance Committee on February 2, the Chairman of the Medical Benefit Sub-Committee called attention to the new arrangements for pricing prescriptions. The Clerk is to interview the Pharmaceutical Committee regarding the checking arrangements, so that in accordance with the recommendation of the Commissioners the period of retention of the prescriptions by the Pharmaceutical Committee should be restricted to a minimum. The Sub-Committee had recommended that an advance be made to chemists of 4*d.* per prescription. Mr. Turner tried to get this advanced to 5*d.*, but his amendment was rejected. There is, however, to be a conference on this matter between the Clerk and the chemists' representative.

**Rutland.**—It was reported at the last meeting of the Insurance Committee that the whole of the chemists had accepted service on the panel for 1916. A report alleging irregularities by panel practitioners and chemists was laid before the meeting, and was directed to be forwarded to the Commissioners. Practitioners are not in future to write "Rep. mist." prescriptions which necessitate reference to the scripts of a previous month.

**Sheffield.**—A meeting of the Pharmaceutical Committee was held on February 8, Mr. H. G. Williams in the chair. The Secretary asked for confirmation of the finding of the conference of medical men, Insurance Committee, and pharmacists, when it was decided that (1) doctors should sign their full name on prescriptions—not initials only; (2) the dressings, etc., should be held in stock by medical men for emergencies, as before, the goods to be supplied by chemists and others at cost-price plus 33½ per cent., and that a emergency dispensing-fee of 1*s.* be paid to medical practitioners; and (3) that the amount of 4*d.* per script be paid in advance on presentation of accounts by chemists. These decisions were approved of. The Secretary reported that he had approached the panel chemist who is only giving



the hours' service daily, with a view of obtaining more satisfactory dispensing-hours, but was informed that through lack of assistance the chemist is unable to give more time to Insurance work. A further appeal is, however, to be made to the chemist. A letter was referred by the Insurance Committee, for the Committee's observations thereon, to a chemist who wished to alter his Insurance dispensing-hours. It was decided not to agree to any alteration in the hours. The Insurance Committee also stated that the Commissioners are unable to allow the administrative expenses for 1916 while they contain an item of 70*l.* for payment to members of the Committee for expenses. It was decided to omit this item from the estimate, and make an application for a grant on account of 120*l.* A complaint by a chemist, that a medical man made damaging remarks regarding the quality of medicine supplied to patients, was allowed to stand until further evidence is produced. Two letters were read from the Derbyshire Pharmaceutical Committee, advocating combined action by the group of Pharmaceutical Committees which form the North-East Midland Pricing arrangements in dealing with matters which arise from time to time. It was agreed to fall in with the formation of a Sub-Committee for the areas concerned. A circular was considered from the Pharmaceutical Society, and further particulars are to be asked for regarding the mode of checking prescriptions in London. A letter was dealt with, which was accompanied by a circular from the Commissioners, regarding the system for examination of priced prescriptions. The signature was required from each panel chemist agreeing to the appointment of any outside body as their agent. The Secretary pointed out that the Regulations made provision for a check to be made either by the chemist or the Pharmaceutical Committee. It was decided to reply that the Pharmaceutical Committee cannot go up their rights of scrutiny. It was decided to send a protest to the North-East Midland Pricing Bureau on the advice of a pharmacist on the staff, as it is felt that chemists' interests must suffer unless there is a recognition of the technical man.

**Womersley.**—At the meeting of the Insurance Committee on January 29, a report was received regarding the new prescription-pricing scheme. Some discussion took place as to the attitude of the Commissioners in this matter, but, as one member put it, it would not be good policy to fall out with the London body. The report embodying the same was adopted, but a protest is to be sent to the Commissioners regarding their course of action.

**Woking.**—A meeting of the Insurance Committee was held on February 2, when the Committee adopted a resolution protesting against the arbitrary methods of the Commissioners in the matter of establishing pricing bureaux. In view of the Commissioners' strong attitude, the Committee has no other course open but to join the Birmingham and Central Counties group. Mr. Martin, the checker at Stoke, intimated that he intends to take up a position under the West Midlands group. On the recommendation of the Medical Benefit Sub-Committee, it was decided to accede to a request from the Pharmaceutical Committee that the use of the dispensing price-list for B.P.C. mixtures be discontinued for the months of November and December 1915, owing to the increased cost of drugs, and that the ordinary drug-prices ruling in those months be allowed. It was decided that a further payment be made of 15 per cent. on chemists' accounts for 1915.

**West Bromwich.**—A meeting of the Pharmaceutical Committee was held on February 1, Mr. James Lock (Chairman) presiding. It was agreed to accept the British Drug Houses' list for pricing drugs not quoted in the Tariff. It was further agreed to adhere to the contract made with the Central Bureau for checking, provided 50 per cent. of the Committees concerned do not cancel their contracts with the Bureau after considering Circular P.S. 20. The checker's report for the quarter ended September 30, 1915, showed that 1,229 prescriptions had been dispensed, at a cost of 3*l.* 4*s.* 11½*d.*, an average cost per script of 5.93*d.* The doctors' averages (cost per script) varied from 8.72*d.* (663 scripts for 24*l.* 1*s.* 11½*d.*), 8.07*d.* (621 scripts for 20*l.* 17*s.* 5½*d.*), 4½*d.* (2,051 scripts for 41*l.* 12*s.* 4½*d.*), 4.54*d.* (1,339 scripts for 25*l.* 6*s.* 7½*d.*). The cost of surgery dressings for doctors' use varied from 1*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* to 6*s.* 2*d.* The checker drew attention to the following: Vaseline ordered instead of paffinum molle; large amounts of potass. bromid. in a mixture; sol. cocain., 1-per-cent., 2 oz.; conf. senæ., 8-oz. quantities; argyrol, 15-per-cent. solution; lin. A.B.C., 4 oz. and 6 oz. at a time (one patient had seven prescriptions for 1 A.B.C., costing in all 9*s.* 7½*d.*); tinct. iodi, 4 oz.; many 1-oz. mixtures containing sod. salicyl. 3iv.; also acid. atosal, 15-gr. powders, usually twelve to eighteen powders at a time; 6 yards elastic-web bandage; cod-liver oil, 1 lb.

five times for one patient, cost in all 11*s.* 3½*d.*; zinc ointment, 8 oz.; glyc. ac. tannic., 4 oz.; ung. gall. c. opio, 4 oz.; sol. cocain., 10-per-cent., 3iv. (1*s.* 10½*d.*); pot. citras, 4 oz.; tinct. rhei co., 2 oz. and 3 oz. at a time; glyc. bellad., 2 oz. and 4 oz. (one patient had four prescriptions, costing 7*s.* in all); ung. rusci co., 2 oz. and 4 oz.; lin. belladonn., 4 oz. and 6 oz. (one patient had four scripts, costing in all 11*s.* 4½*d.*; another three scripts, costing 6*s.* 11½*d.*); seven scripts for dressings for one patient cost 16*s.* 11*d.* In regard to the balance due to chemists for 1915, which amounts to 133*l.* 16*s.* 5½*d.*, it is estimated that there are sufficient funds to meet this.

**Westmorland.**—At the meeting of the Insurance Committee on February 2, a letter was read from the Pharmaceutical Committee stating that there does not appear to be sufficient evidence to warrant a request to the Panel Committee to investigate cases of suspected excessive prescribing. The Panel Committee is, however, to look into the matter.

**West Riding.**—At a meeting of the West Riding Insurance Committee last week, under the chairmanship of Alderman T. B. Ford, Alderman H. Dunn, seconding the adoption of the minutes of the Medical Benefit Sub-Committee, said it is unfair that the over-riding of all other departments by the War Office and the pressure on doctors for military service should leave in the lurch the people at home who have paid for medical service under the Insurance Act. The question of unauthorised prescriptions had been brought to the notice of the Sub-Committee by a panel chemist, and is to be investigated. There had been an application from the Pharmaceutical Committee for an allowance to chemists of 33½ per cent. upon the cost of dressings supplied to panel doctors for surgical use, and it had been agreed to make this allowance, subject to the approval of the Commissioners. The outcome of the negotiations between the West Riding, Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield, and Dewsbury Insurance Committees on the matter of joint pricing of drug accounts is satisfactory, and the Chairman congratulated the Sub-Committee. The offices are to be at Wakefield, the meetings to be held at Leeds, and the Chairman was to be Mr. John Buckle, one of the members of the Leeds Committee.—A meeting of the Pharmaceutical Committee was held at Leeds on January 25. Communications from the West Riding Insurance Committee were read. These included the granting of the Pharmaceutical Committee's request for 33½ per cent. to be added to the cost price of dressings supplied by chemists to doctors as emergency dressings for surgery use. Also that 80 per cent. shall be paid on account for chemists' prescriptions about a month from the account being rendered, the balance of 20 per cent., making the full amount, being paid the subsequent month. A request for details of the estimate for administrative expenses of the Pharmaceutical Committee was discussed at some length, but as it was difficult to arrive at the probable amount of expenditure it was decided that whatever grant was made only actual expenses would be claimed, and the work of the Pharmaceutical Committee would be carried on with the strictest economy. A protest was sent to the Insurance Committee regarding the late arrivals of the monthly supplementary Tariffs and the consequent inconvenience to chemists who wish to calculate the value of their prescriptions; as, however, the pricing is done at the pricing bureau, the Tariff and supplementary Tariffs are only of service in providing chemists with a means of working out a check for themselves. The most effective checking will be secured by the methods of the Central Checking Bureau, to which the West Riding Pharmaceutical Committee decided to subscribe as being in the best interests of chemists and others in the area. Mr. Briggs, who is the chemists' representative on the Committee of Inspection of the Pricing Bureau, gave an account of the arrangements and progress made towards the completion of the difficult task of pricing all prescriptions under the new regulations. Mr. Matthew, of Hoyland, was co-opted in place of Mr. Broadbent, of Honley, who has resigned.

#### SCOTLAND.

**Dumbarton.**—In reply to a letter from the Pharmaceutical Committee regarding the delay in paying the chemists' accounts, the Insurance Committee have been informed by the Superintendent of the Central Checking Bureau that it is hoped to be able shortly to send the accounts for October, November, and December 1915. The delay, it is explained, is due entirely to the large amount of irregularities which still exists, such as unsigned forms, forms with insufficient particulars, and forms forwarded to the wrong Insurance Committees, and, add the Central Pricing Bureau, it would be to the interests of all if the chemists would see that these irregularities cease. The slowing



down which these irregularities cause affects both the good and bad areas alike.

**Glasgow.**—A return of the insured persons within the Glasgow area shows that on January 1, 399,466 persons (263,203 males and 131,263 females) were entitled to benefits. There has been provisionally credited to the Insurance Committee by the Commissioners for last year: On medical benefit account, 122,119%; on sanatorium benefit account, 10,147%; on benefits administration account, 4,509%.

#### WALES.

**Cardiff.**—At the meeting of the Pharmaceutical Committee on February 3, it was stated that the Insurance Committee have in hand sufficient funds to pay chemists the full amount of their accounts for 1915. The statistics which were submitted showed that, owing to the large numbers of insured persons who have joined the Army, the expenditure on drugs was much less in the second half of the year than in the first six months. There was also a reduction in the amount of dispensing-fees, which points to the greater use by doctors of stock mixtures.

**Cardiganshire.**—At the meeting of the Cardiganshire Insurance Committee on January 23, the application was received of the Pharmaceutical Committee for 25% as expenses. This was referred to the Finance Committee. The last-named Committee recommended the payment to chemists for the last quarter of 1915 of 63*s.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, less 10 per cent. This was approved. In regard to prescription-pricing arrangements for 1916, the Finance Committee urged that the present arrangement with Mr. E. J. George, Walsall, should not be disturbed. The Clerk explained that under pressure other South Wales counties have agreed to give the Commissioners' scheme six months' trial. Mr. E. J. Davies thought that chemists must be a generous lot if they are going to supply drugs at cost price. Professor Jenkyn Jones added, "But in future the chemists will be paid in full." After discussing the "Deliver or die" attitude of the Commissioners the pricing scheme was accepted for six months, but the Clerk is to tell the Commissioners that the Committee is dissatisfied at the manner in which the scheme has been trust upon it.

**Pembrokeshire.**—At the last meeting of the Insurance Committee at Haverfordwest, the Clerk reported upon the proposal of the Welsh Commissioners relative to having prescriptions checked, etc., at the proposed central bureau at Cardiff under the supervision of the Cardiff Committee, and ultimately the Committee resolved that the time-table in connection with prescriptions mentioned in the report of the General Purposes, etc., Committee should be adopted, and that the Chairman and two members of the Finance Committee should be authorised to make the periodical payments to chemists; also that under protest the Committee be recommended to entrust the Cardiff Borough Insurance Committee with the pricing, etc., of prescriptions. Mr. George (Walsall) is to be informed that the cessation of the Committee's arrangements with him for the checking of prescriptions is due to the Commissioners, and that any application he may have to make for an *ex gratia* payment should be sent to them. The Clerk was instructed to act upon the above resolutions forthwith. Dr. Brigstocke directed attention to the fact that medical men are unable to prescribe cod-liver oil to patients who were perhaps sickening for consumption without the risk of being surcharged, and that the Welsh Memorial Association would not pay on any such cases. It was resolved that the attention of the Commissioners be called to this state of affairs. It was decided to pay 75 per cent. of the chemists' accounts for the quarter ended December 31 last, and that the balance of the chemists' accounts for the September quarter 1915 be paid. The Committee supported a resolution for the formation of a national bureau for the checking of prescriptions, it being observed that it was rather *infra dig.* for the Committee to have to go to the Cardiff Committee to get this work carried out.

#### Notes.

**INSURANCE FINANCE.**—The Treasury Committee which has been appointed to consider the finance of National Insurance is instructed as follows:

To consider and report upon any amendments in the financial scheme of the National Insurance Acts which experience of the administration of Sickness, Disablement, and Maternity Benefits may suggest as desirable, within the existing limits of contributions and benefits and apart from further Exchequer grants, before the completion of any valuations of Approved Societies; and, further, to consider how far the work of Approved Societies could be simplified and its cost reduced, without detriment to the interests of insured persons, by amendment of the Acts and Regulations; and to make recommendations thereon. There are twelve representatives of Approved Societies and Trade Unions on the Committee.

## Society of Public Analysts

THE annual meeting of this Society was held at the Marlborough House, Piccadilly, London, W., on February 2. Mr. A. Chaston Chapman (President) delivered the annual address, which dealt with the neglect in this country of scientific knowledge. Chemistry is not merely an interesting intellectual occupation, but one of the foundation-stones upon which national progress rests, and its continued neglect can only lead to disaster, and in the end to our complete defeat by more progressive and far-seeing nations.

The following officers were elected for the year: *President*, Mr. Geo. Embrey; *Past-Presidents*, Mr. Leonard Archibald, Mr. Edward J. Bevan, Mr. A. Chaston Chapman, Bernard Dyer, Mr. Otto Hehner, Mr. R. R. Tatlock, E. W. Voelcker, and Dr. J. Augustus Voelcker; *Vice-Presidents*, Mr. H. G. Colman, Mr. J. H. B. Jenkins, and R. T. Thomson; *Treasurer*, Mr. Edw. Hinks; *Hon. Secretaries*, Mr. P. A. Ellis Richards and Mr. E. Richard Bolton; *other Members of Council*, Messrs. W. T. Burgess, J. A. Dewhirst, J. T. Dunn, P. V. Dupré, R. G. Grimwood, H. G. Harrison, E. M. Hawkins, A. W. Knapp, Steven J. C. G. Macadam, William Macnab, H. L. Smith, and W. Collingwood Williams. Mr. G. D. Elsdon, B.Sc., F.I.C., read a *Note on Human Milk*, in which he gave the results of analysis, including data for the fatty portion, of the samples of milk taken on two successive days from the same source. A table of figures was included for 146 samples of human milk, 67 of which were fully analysed and 79 partially.—At the ordinary meeting which followed, with Mr. Geo. Embrey, the new President, in the chair, Messrs. Thomas Featherstone Harvey, Cyril Hubert Manley, Cameron Roberts, and Frank Thomas Shutt were elected members. Mr. W. T. Burgess, F.I.C., then read some notes on common processes used in *Water-analysis*, in which he called attention to the several small details in ordinary processes, the neglect of which causes unexpected errors; he also dealt with the care of laboratory glass apparatus. He stated that the green growths in condensers, which often disfigure these apparatus, could be almost entirely prevented by the simple expedient of inserting a long helix of fine and bright copper wire in the water-jacket, the end of copper taken up by the water being sufficient to inhibit the development of the algae. The author said that he had reasons for believing that the "nitrometer" method of estimating nitrogen is not in such general use as its excellence warrants, and he exhibited a slightly modified apparatus in which the determinations can be made with expedition. The ordinary measuring-tube with single-bore stopcock is fitted with a large rubber "cork" of a size sufficient to take a short length of wide glass tubing, which can, when required, be slipped over the stopcock and graduated part of the tube. The pressure-tube is carefully selected, so that its internal diameter is exactly the same as that of the measuring-tube. The NO is liberated in the usual way, and when the action is completed the pressure-tube is clamped so that the level of the mercury is about 40 mm. below that in the measuring-tube. A few drops of distilled water are then allowed to enter the measuring-tube; this water remains on the top of the turbid, acid mixture and permits the meniscus to be seen clearly. The wide glass tube is then slipped on the cork and filled with water, and after a few minutes the volume of gas and the temperature of the water jacket are recorded. A glass or celluloid millimetre scale is afterwards placed against the pressure-tube, so that its zero coincides with the level of the mercury; the stopcock is then opened, and the rise of the mercury in the pressure-tube noted, and, as the two tubes are of equal diameter, this number multiplied by two gives the reduced pressure under which the gas was measured. The height of the barometer is also taken, and the weight of the nitrogen may be calculated in the usual way, or preferably by the aid of tables, etc., given in Sutton's "Volumetric Analysis." The last paper, by Mr. J. H. Barnes, B.Sc., F.I.C., and Mr. Arjan Singh, dealt with *Poli Oil: A New Adulterant of Ghee*. The authors deal with the edible seed of *Carthamus oxyacantha*, N.O. *Compositae*, one of the safflowers, which is found as a persistent thorny weed growing with and alongside the wheat-crop in India, from Umballa in the South to Peshawar in the North, and is difficult to eradicate. The seeds produce poli oil, which is used as an adulterant of ghee (the clarified butter-fat of India). Chemical and physical constants, which they have determined from a genuine sample of the fresh oil, were given, so that an analyst should have little difficulty in recognising the adulterant when found in conjunction with ghee.



## Trade Report.

Prices given in this section are those obtained by importers or manufacturers for bulk quantities or original packages. To these prices various charges have to be added, whereby values are in many instances greatly augmented before wholesale dealers receive the goods into stock, after which much expense may be incurred in garbling and the like. Qualities of chemicals, drugs, oils, and many other commodities vary greatly, and higher prices than those here quoted are charged for selected qualities of natural products even in bulk quantities. Retail buyers cannot, therefore, for these and other reasons, expect to purchase at the prices quoted here.

12 Cannon Street, E.C., February 10, 6.30 p.m.

ALTHOUGH manufacturing chemists and wholesale druggists continue busy, there is a quiet tone in the markets for chemicals and drugs, partly owing to the tightening-up of the restrictions on exports and partly to the difficulties, while the calling-up of many young men for military service adds to the existing difficulties. Synthetic chemicals have been quiet, and the tendency of a few is easier owing to lack of demand. Stonin is officially lower, and the prices for chloral hydrate, hexamine, paraldehyde, and sulphonal can be seen in several directions. Citric acid and cream of tartar are dearer; tartaric acid is firmer. Bichromates are a 1½d. dearer; glucose and starch powders are much higher. The new Lofoten cod-fishing is still insignificant, and higher prices are asked for the new oil from Norway. Chin ginger is dearer, and shellac is enjoying a boom. Anthol and Japanese camphor quiet; turmeric very firm, and turpentine lower. Among essential oils, star anise on c.i.f. terms is the turn easier; lemon and bergamot are also easier. The following table shows the principal changes:

| Higher          | Firmer        | Easier         | Lower        |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Ases (Cape)     | Peppermint    | Anise oil      | Balsam Tolu  |
| Simony          | oil (Amer.)   | (star), c.i.f. | Ipecacuanha  |
| (Ch. cr.)       | Sarsaparilla  | Bergamot oil   | (Cartagena)  |
| Arrowroot       | (Native)      | Castor oil     | Quinine      |
| Bromates        | Tartaric acid | (E.I.)         | (see. hands) |
| Cassia lignea   |               | Cottonseed oil | Santonin     |
| Cinnamon        |               | Guaiacum       | (makers)     |
| Citric acid     |               | Hexamine       | Sarsaparilla |
| Citrus          |               | Hydroquinone   | (Lima)       |
| Cod-liver oil   |               | Lemon oil      | Sulphonal    |
| Cam of          |               | (c.i.f.)       | Tonka-beans, |
| tartar          |               | Paraldehyde    | Para         |
| Isseed          |               |                | (auction)    |
| Lignon's blood  |               |                | Turpentine   |
| Imi             |               |                |              |
| Oger (Cochin)   |               |                |              |
| Glucose, liquid |               |                |              |
| and solid       |               |                |              |
| Iney            |               |                |              |
| Irish           |               |                |              |
| Inento          |               |                |              |
| Shellac         |               |                |              |
| Starch-powder   |               |                |              |

### Cablegram.

NEW YORK, February 9.—Business in drugs is fair. Mexican sarsaparilla is firmer at 11½c. per lb., and gentian is advanced to 20c. Cascara sagrada is steady at 17c. Copaiba balsam has advanced to 58c., and hydrastis (olden seal) is also dearer at \$4.50. Digitalis-leaves are higher at 75c. per lb. Opium, peppermint oil, and menthol are unchanged.

ACETIC ACID.—Glacial is quoted at from 175s. to 180s. per t. ex wharf.

AGAR-AGAR.—For March-April shipment 1s. 9d. c.i.f. is asked, the spot price of No. 1 strip being 2s. 8d.

AMMONIA SULPHATE is dull and unchanged, London being 12s. 6d. net naked at works for 25-per-cent. ammonia prompt delivery; Hull prompt is 17½s. 5s.; Liverpool is 17s. 6d., and Leith 17½s. 7s. 6d. to 17½s. 10s. per ton in 1½s. f.o.b. less 3½ per cent.

ANISE OIL (STAR).—The spot price for "Red Ship" brand is 3s. 3d., and for January-February shipment 3s. 2½d. c.i.f.

is quoted. In the drug-auction 20 cases of "Red Ship" brand were limited at 3s. 3d. per lb.

ANTIMONY.—The value of Chinese crude on spot is about 110l. per ton.

ARROWROOT is dearer, and market of common St. Vincent grades has been cleared; freights have considerably advanced.

ARSENIC.—Present spot price is 29l. per ton, being steady in spite of the recent large arrivals.

BICHROMATES.—The prices for home consumption have been advanced 1½d. per lb., and are as follows: Bichromate of ammonia (78 to 79 per cent. chromic acid), 1s. 0½d. per lb.; bichromate of soda, powdered anhydrous (73 to 74 per cent. chromic acid), 10½d.; ditto, crystal or cake (67 to 68 per cent. chromic acid), 10d.; powdered chromate of soda (59 to 60 per cent. chromic acid), 9½d. per lb. Bichromate of potash is quoted by makers on application only.

BROMIDES are quiet and prices unchanged.

CAMPOR (REFINED) remains firm but quiet, the sales including Japanese 2½-lb. slabs at 1s. 7d. to 1s. 7½d. per lb. c.i.f. for April-May shipment; sellers of December-January quote 1s. 8d., and January-February 1s. 7½d. c.i.f.; spot slabs are 1s. 8½d.; ¼-oz. tablets have been sold at 1s. 9d. c.i.f. for January-February, and 2s. is wanted on the spot.

CASCARA SAGRADA.—The London stock in the warehouses at the end of January 31 was 106 tons, against 133 tons.

CASSIA LIGNEA.—Privately the sales include near at hand at 54s. 6d., and January-February shipment at 53s. 6d. c.i.f. At auction 347 cases (naval prize) ex *Glenturret* sold without reserve and with all faults at 64s., being dearer; 112 bags broken (naval prize) also sold without reserve at 31s.

CASSIA OIL.—Quiet, with sellers of 80 to 85 per cent. c.a. at 3s. 9d. c.i.f.

CASTOR OIL.—In Liverpool, 8½d. per lb. ex quay has been paid for good seconds Calcutta, and parcels afloat are quoted rather easier at 8½d. per lb. On the spot, sales include medicinal at 90s., and firsts at 85s. per cwt.

CHILLIES.—The sales in Liverpool include 26 bags Sierra Leone at auction at 122s. 6d. per cwt. ex quay.

CINCHONA.—At the auction of pharmaceutical bark to be held at Amsterdam on Friday, February 25, 1,731 packages, weighing 100,062 kilos., will be offered. The first-hand stock at Amsterdam on February 3 consisted of 9,942 packages Government, and 37,122 packages private bark, including the first-hand lots to be offered on February 24 and 25. The bark shipments from Java to Europe during January 1916 amounted to 1,625,965 Amst. lb., against 767,000 Amst. lb. in 1915.

CITRIC ACID.—A very fair business has been done, the spot price closing at 3s.

CLOVES are steady but quiet at 7½d. per lb. spot for fair Zanzibar; to arrive, November-January shipment has been sold at 6½d. c.i.f., also March-May delivery at 7½d.

COCA-LEAVES.—No offerings will be made at the cinchona auction at Amsterdam on February 25. The exports from Java to Europe during January 1916 were 591 packages, against 2,170 packages in January 1915.

COD-LIVER OIL.—Our Bergen correspondent writes on January 31 that the output of the cod-fishing is still insignificant. The market tendency for oil is very firm, the price being maintained at about 335s. per barrel c.i.f. terms. In London sales are reported of finest 1915 medicinal oil at up to 338s. per barrel ex wharf. To-day the Norwegian market is reported as excited; some refiners are unable to make offers, and business has been refused in one quarter; from 350s. to 370s. c.i.f. is quoted for new Lofoten oil, but quite without engagement. In the drug-auction 20 cases of Japanese were limited at 10½d. per lb.

COPPER SULPHATE is nominal at 50l. per ton for the usual Liverpool brands.

CREAM OF TARTAR is very firm and dearer at 190s. per cwt. for 98-per-cent. powder.

ERGOT.—Arrivals amounting to 88 bags have taken place from Spain and Portugal.

GALLS.—Sales of Chinese for February-March shipment have been made at 70s. per cwt. c.i.f. for usual shape.

GENTIAN.—The high prices appear to have checked the demand; sellers still ask 62s. 6d.

GINGER.—The market for Sierra Leone has advanced to 37s. 6d. per cwt., which has been paid in Liverpool. Cochin washed is dearer at 43s. per cwt. on the spot.

GLUCOSE.—Both liquid and solid show a considerable advance, owing to few arrivals and higher freights. Starch powders are also much dearer.



HYDROQUININE is rather more freely offered, and is now obtainable at 40s. per lb.

LEMON OIL for shipment from Sicily is easier, offering at from 3s. 4d. to 3s. 8d. per lb. e.i.f.; spot prices are unchanged at from 3s. 6d. to 3s. 9d.

MALT EXTRACT in 1-cwt. returnable drums is quoted at 40s. per cwt.; malt extract and 10-per-cent. cod-liver oil 57s. 3d.; ditto, with 15-per-cent. e.l.o., 63s. 9d. per cwt. in 1-cwt. drums, with the usual extras in bottles or jars.

MENTHOL.—Quiet, at from 12s. 4½d. to 12s. 6d. spot for Kobayashi-Suzuki. Business has been done in Kobayashi-Suzuki at 12s. 4½d. per lb. e.i.f. for February-March shipment, and oil at 4s. 1½d. e.i.f.; in combination 16s. 3d. e.i.f. is quoted from Japan. In auction 12 cases of an outside brand were bought in at 12s. 3d. per lb. for dullish crystals.

OILS (FIXED).—*Linsced* is firm at 43s. 6d. in pipes and 44s. 6d. in barrels on the spot. *Cottonseed* is easier at 43s. 6d. for crude in pipes on spot, 48s. for refined in pipes, and at from 50s. to 51s. for sweet refined in barrels. *Ceylon Coconut* is unchanged at 57s. 6d. for pipes and 59s. 6d. in hogheads, both on spot; *Cochin* is 59s. 6d. to 61s. 6d. on spot, and London pressed is 50s. Ordinary brown crude *Rape* is scarce and nominal at 52s.; British refined in barrels is 56s.; Japan in cases is 47s. e.i.f. afloat. *Soya* oil is 36s. 6d. for Manchurian in cases in London. Hull (spot) extracted is easier at 40s. 6d.; *Lagos Palm* is unchanged at 50s. spot, and in Liverpool 43s. 6d.

OPIMUM.—Market is steady both for Persian and Turkish at last week's prices.

ORANGE-PEEL.—It is expected that the new Tripoli crop will be offering in a month or so. Meanwhile, holders ask 1s. 9d. per lb. for thin cut.

OXALIC ACID is selling at 1s. 4d. per lb., but it is expected to be more freely offered presently.

PEPPERMINT OIL.—American in bulk is scarce on the spot, and, with more buying interest shown, price has improved to 9s. 3d. to 9s. 6d. and 9s. e.i.f.

PHENACETIN.—Present market value is about 65s. per lb.; the anticipated fresh supplies have not yet arrived.

PILOCARPINE has been sold at 17s. per oz. for hydrochloride; nitrate is quoted at rather less.

PIMENTO is dearer, the spot price being 3½d. per lb.; near at hand has been sold at 28s. 6d., and February-March at 26s. e.i.f.

POTASHES are in better demand at unchanged rates.

QUICKSILVER is steady at from 16l. 12s. 6d. to 16l. 15s. per bottle.

QUININE.—The second-hand market has had a temporary setback this week (probably due to the large bark shipments for January), and sellers came out at 4s. (and a trifle less), at which business was done in the usual Continental brands. The market is not expected to decline further. The landings in London during January amounted to 20,096 oz. and the deliveries to 106,992 oz., leaving the stock on January 31 at 1,441,488 oz., against 2,635,568 oz. at the corresponding date of 1915, or 1,194,080 oz. less. The January Board of Trade Return figures are as follows:

|                         | 1914    | 1915    | 1916    |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Imports ... oz.         | 237,828 | 199,048 | 287,752 |
| £                       | 10,820  | 11,751  | 36,431  |
| British Exports ... oz. | 156,404 | 113,532 | 229,063 |
| £                       | 9,151   | 8,146   | 24,340  |
| Re-exports ... oz.      | 4,755   | 12,336  | 97,809  |
| £                       | 282     | 971     | 24,511  |

SAFFRON is steady, but quiet, at from 40s. to 42s. per lb. net.

SALTPETRE.—English refined is firm at 54s. per cwt., and 56s. 6d. for powdered.

SANTONIN.—On and after February 15 next the official prices of santonin will be as follows: 5-kilo. lots, 340s.; 10 kilos., 330s.; 25 kilos., 320s.; and 50 kilos., 310s.—all per kilo. net ex warehouse, London.

SHELLAC is dearer with a fair business, TN Orange on the spot selling on a basis of 90s. to 91s. per cwt. and good at 92s.; fine Orange is quoted at 107s. 6d. to 110s. The sales for delivery include March 91s. to 89s. 6d., May 92s. to 92s. 6d. to 91s., and August 93s. 6d. to 93s.

SODA HYPOSULPHITE.—Pea-crystals are quoted at 17s. and ordinary at 16s. 6d. per cwt. ex wharf, London.

TARTARIC ACID is firmer at from 2s. 6½d. to 2s. 6½d. per lb.

THYMOL of British make, guaranteed B.P., is quoted at from 40s. to 42s. per lb.

TURMERIC remains very firm, the private sales including fair Madras finger at 35s. and Cochin split bulbs at 20s. on spot. In auction a bid of 20s. per cwt. is to be submitted for 13 bags of whole bulbs.

TURPENTINE has declined about 1s. 6d. per cwt., America closing at 49s. on the spot.

WAX (VEGETABLE) remains firm, the sales including February-March shipment to Marseilles at 55s. 6d. e.i.f. buyers.

## London Drug-auctions.

Commercial Sale Rooms.

Mincing Lane, E.C., February 12.

At the auction held to-day a fair quantity of goods offered, for which there was a better demand than usual. Cape aloes were irregular, but sold at considerably advanced prices, compared with the previous auction, and slightly easier than recent private prices. Some good hepatic Zanzibar in skins failed to sell. Asafetida is very scarce and high prices were realised for ordinary Annatto-seed is dull and easy. Ammoniacum realised good prices. Balsam tolu is tending easier owing to much large supplies, and for Sumatra benzoin steady prices were paid. Cardamoms met quite a dragging market, prices favourable to buyers. Cubebs are well maintained in price. Reboiled dragon's blood brought an advance of 1l. per cwt., as there was more demand for ordinary qualities. Elemi no sells at higher figures owing to scarcity. No Siam gamboge offered, and slightly easier prices were accepted for guaiacum. Jamaica honey, of which large supplies offered met with keen competition and excellent demand at advanced rates. Rio and East Indian ipecacuanha were about steady, but for Cartagena a decline of 1s. 6d. was paid on forced sales. Kola sold steadily, and myrrh realised higher prices owing to an advance in freight. Rhubarb was quite neglected, and for sarsaparilla there was generally a good demand, prices being practically unaltered with the exception of Lima, which was forced to without reserve at cheaper prices. Tinnevely senna was firm, especially pods. Turmeric is scarce and firmly held and beeswax is quiet generally.

|                         | Offered | Sold |                         | Offered | Sold |
|-------------------------|---------|------|-------------------------|---------|------|
| Agar-agar .....         | 20      | 0    | Eucalyptus oil.....     | 18      | ...  |
| Ajowan-seed.....        | 36      | 0    | Gamboge .....           | 1       | ...  |
| Albumen .....           | 12      | 0    | Guaiacum .....          | 2       | ...  |
| Aloes—                  |         |      | Gum acacia .....        | 119     | ...  |
| Cape .....              | 70      | 43   | Honey—                  |         |      |
| Scotrine .....          | 10      | 0    | Californian .....       | 86      | ...  |
| Zanzibar .....          | 13      | 0    | Curacao .....           | 7       | ...  |
| Ammoniacum .....        | 3       | 3    | Greek .....             | 49      | ...  |
| Anise, star .....       | 36      | 0    | Haytian .....           | 54      | ...  |
| Anise oil, star .....   | 20      | 0    | Jamaican .....          | 543     | ...  |
| Annatto-seed .....      | 151     | 0    | Hydrastis .....         | 1       | ...  |
| Apriort kernels .....   | 37      | 0    | Ipecacuanha—            |         |      |
| Areca .....             | 20      | 0    | Cartagena .....         | 31      | ...  |
| Argol .....             | 1       | 0    | East Indian .....       | 32      | ...  |
| Arnica-root .....       | 2       | 1    | Matto Grosso .....      | 15      | ...  |
| Asafetida .....         | 5       | 5    | Minas .....             | 4       | ...  |
| Balsam peru .....       | 5       | 0    | Jalap .....             | 39      | ...  |
| Balsam tolu .....       | 42      | 3    | Juniper-berries .....   | 54      | ...  |
| Belladonna-leaves ..... | 5       | 0    | Kamala .....            | 4       | ...  |
| Benzoin—                |         |      | Kola .....              | 36      | ...  |
| Siam .....              | 50      | 0    | Lycopodium .....        | 1       | ...  |
| Sumatra .....           | 228     | 39   | Mastich .....           | 3       | ...  |
| Black-haw bark .....    | 1       | 0    | Menthol .....           | 7       | ...  |
| Buchu .....             | 28      | 1    | Myrrh .....             | 48      | ...  |
| Calumba .....           | 108     | 14   | Nux vomica .....        | 172     | ...  |
| Cannabis indica .....   | 5       | 0    | Olibanum .....          | 103     | ...  |
| Cantharides (Ch.) ..... | 6       | 0    | Orange oil .....        | 9       | ...  |
| Capsicums .....         | 1       | 0    | Orange-peel .....       | 16      | ...  |
| Cardamoms and           |         |      | Orris (Mog.) .....      | 36      | ...  |
| seed .....              | 505     | 65   | Otto of rose ..(vs.)    | 2       | ...  |
| Cascara sagrada .....   | 463     | 0    | Papain .....            | 4       | ...  |
| Cashew-nuts .....       | 463     | 0    | Peach-stones .....      | 6       | ...  |
| Celery-seed .....       | 9       | 0    | Podophyllum-root .....  | 11      | ...  |
| Chamomiles .....        | 30      | 0    | Puree .....             | 6       | ...  |
| Chiretta .....          | 10      | 0    | Quillaia, crushed ..... | 21      | ...  |
| Cinnamon oil .....      | 27      | 9    | Rhubarb—                |         |      |
| Coca-leaves .....       | 107     | 0    | Chinese .....           | 146     | ...  |
| Cod-liver oil—          |         |      | Ch. Rhap. .....         | 20      | ...  |
| Japanese .....          | 20      | 0    | Rosebuds .....          | 20      | ...  |
| Norwegian .....         | 20      | 0    | Rosin .....             | 3       | ...  |
| Condurango .....        | 20      | 0    | Sarsaparilla—           |         |      |
| Croton-seed .....       | 17      | 0    | Grey Jam .....          | 6       | ...  |
| Cubebs .....            | 76      | 0    | Honduras .....          | 22      | ...  |
| Cuttlefish-bone .....   | 88      | 0    | Lima .....              | 37      | ...  |
| Dill-seed .....         | 30      | 30   | Mexican .....           | 16      | ...  |
| Dragon's blood .....    | 61      | 21   | Native Jam .....        | 40      | ...  |
| Drugs, etc.             |         |      | Senega .....            | 40      | ...  |
| (Miscell.) bls. .....   | 20      | 0    | Senna and pods—         |         |      |
| Egg-yolk .....          | 154     | 0    | Alex. .....             | 34      | ...  |
| Elecampane .....        | 7       | 0    | Mecca .....             | 35      | ...  |
| Elemi .....             | 20      | *10  | Tinnevely .....         | 351     | ...  |
| Ergot .....             | 15      | 0    | Spermaceiti .....       | 4       | ...  |

\* Sold privately.



|                   | Offered | Sold |
|-------------------|---------|------|
| Sol.....          | 29 ...  | 0    |
| Sesacre.....      | 10 ...  | *10  |
| Tarands (E.I.)... | 25 ...  | 0    |
| Ta-beans.....     | 21 ...  | 19   |
| Tacanth.....      | 30 ...  | 0    |
| Taeric.....       | 128 ... | 0    |
| Tarian (Jap.)...  | 36 ...  | 0    |
| W. veg., Jap..... | 100 ... | 0    |
| W-cherry bark...  | 7 ...   | 0    |
| W-gylang oil...   | 3 ...   | 0    |

|                   | Offered | Sold |
|-------------------|---------|------|
| Wax (bees')—      |         |      |
| Abyssinian.....   | 225 ... | 0    |
| East African..... | 80 ...  | 0    |
| East Indian.....  | 152 ... | 0    |
| Jamaica.....      | 58 ...  | 25   |
| Madagascar.....   | 37 ...  | 15   |
| Mozambique.....   | 12 ...  | 0    |
| Portuguese.....   | 70 ...  | 0    |
| Zedoary-root..... | 43 ...  | 0    |

**JOES.**—Cape sold at an advance of 2s. 6d. to 3s. per cwt. as compared with the previous auction, but privately up to 43 had been paid for firsts. In auction good hard bright Mel Bay firsts with 20 per cent. tares were mostly bought in bids of 40s. and 40s. 6d. being refused; a case of fine firsts allged sold at 43s.; good seconds sold at 39s.; ditto, slightly soft, 38s. to 36s. 6d.; ordinary dull to fair seconds, 35s. to 37s.; loose collected, 35s.; dull and drossy, mixed with dirt, 32s.

**MONIACUM.**—Three bags of fair small to medium, mostly loo palish drop, sold at the higher price of 78s. per cwt.

**PECA.**—A lot of 20 bags medium to bold clean Ceylon, rarer wormy, was retired at 35s. per cwt.

**ONICA-ROOT.**—Two bags offered, of which one had been sold at 10l. per cwt.

**AFETIDA** is becoming very scarce. In auction five cases of ordinary brown, part blocky drop, sold at 92s. 6d. per cwt. subject to seller's approval.

**LSAM TOLU** is tending easier owing to the large supply and poor demand; 1s. 7d. per lb. will readily buy fair hard, slightly drossy. Three cases sold at 1s. 4d. per lb.

**NZOIN.**—Steady. The principal demand was for ordinary Sumatra seconds, 31 cases of which sold at from 67s. 6d. (one lot) to 6l. 10s. per cwt. for streaky white albeds and false-packed woody ends. Four cases good fair almondy seconds sold at 7l. 17s. 6d., and fair seconds with old fracture at 7l. 5s. per cwt.

**CHU.**—Quiet. A single bag of greenish, rather stalky ovs sold without reserve at 2s. 4d. per lb. Round leaf was bought in at from 4s. 10d. to 5s. 1d. per lb., as to color, and longs were held at from 3s. 6d. to 4s. 2d., the latter for good green.

**UMBA-ROOT.**—Ten bags of small to bold fair washed so were bought in at 30s. per cwt., and for 34 bags small to sold and partly wormy sorts 22s. 6d. was wanted. Eleven bags of ordinary natural partly wormy sold at 16s., and three bags of sea-damaged went at 10s.

**RDAMOMS** were in large supply, but only a few lots sold at generally easier rates, including a string of 32 cases small bright heavy green Ceylon-Malabar at 1s. 8d. to 1s. 7d.; for extra bold fine pale 5s. 2d. was bid and refused; fair bold sold at 4s. 3d.; good medium pale sold at 3s. 6d. to 7d.; small ditto, 2s.; small dull, 1s. 5d. to 1s. 6d.; bold pale splits, 2s. 2d.; small splits and pickings, 1s. 4d. to 1s. 5d.; five bags shells sold at 3d. per lb., subject. Genuine seed was obtainable at 2s. and pale grey at 1s. 9d.

**CINAMON OIL.**—A parcel of nine cases Ceylon bark sold at 9d. per oz. for cloudy bitter.

**IL-SEED.**—A parcel of 30 bags fair East Indian met with competition, and sold at from 22s. 6d. to 26s. 6d., with damages at 26s. per cwt.

**JAGON'S-BLOOD.**—Reboiled, which is scarce, sold at an advance of 1l. per cwt., two cases realising 21l.; the broker indicated that no further shipments were on the way. Three cases of ordinary dull lump sold at 7l. 5s., and six cases of ordinary bag-shaped lump at 6l. per cwt.

**EMI** is dearer, 10 cases selling at 95s. per cwt. for fair pale paste.

**CALYPTUS OIL.**—A lot of 18 cases offered, containing 70 per cent. of eucalyptol, for which 2s. 6d. was wanted. Privately, 2s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. per lb. is quoted for 75 to 80 per cent. eucalyptol.

**CAIACUM.**—Two barrels slightly drossy block sold at 8d. per lb., being the turn easier.

**GRUN BALSAM.**—A lot of 100 cases offered, of which 10 cases sold at 4½d. per lb. without analysis.

**JNEY.**—The large offerings of Jamaica (543 packages) met with a good demand at higher rates, competition from the principal packers and distributors being keen. New ere pale banana set in barrels sold at 41s.; good pale set, 39s. or 40s.; fair palish set, 37s. to 38s.; ordinary dark to fair brown set, 34s. to 36s. Of Haytian, 54 barrels offered and sold at from 34s. to 37s. for ordinary to fair palish brown set g. Seven packages yellow Curaçao sold at 36s. 6d., and 6 cases Californian went at 38s. to 39s. for pale setting.

Good arrivals of Chilian have taken place in Liverpool recently, but mostly sold to arrive.

**IPECACUANHA.**—A lot of five bags Cartagena sold without reserve at from 14s. 3d. to 14s. 6d. per lb. for mostly ordinary stemmy quality, these prices showing a decline of about 1s. 6d. per lb. Privately 16s. has been paid, and also sales of Matto Grosso have been made at 21s. per lb. Of East Indian, 30 bales offered in auction and six sold at 17s. 2d. per lb. for fair native picked, more or less greyish quality. The parcel offered on this occasion was below the average quality of previous shipments, being less bold and more grey.

**KOLA** was steady, five packages of West Indian selling at from 6d. to 6½d. for good bright dried halves and whole, and at 5½d. for dull mouldy. Nineteen bags of dull mouldy Ceylon sold at 5d. per lb., subject.

**LYCOPIDIUM.**—A single bag of genuine was retired at 8s. per lb.

**MASTIC.**—Three cases of fair pale slightly specky tear were retired at 2s. 9d. per lb.

**MYRRH.**—Dearer. A lot of nine packages sold at 50s. for small drop, 42s. for good siftings, and 40s. for very small siftings, practically dust.

**OLIBANUM.**—Ten cases of fair drop sold at 45s. per cwt.

**QUILLAIA-BARK.**—A lot of 21 bags of crushed sold without reserve at 47s. 6d. per cwt.

**RHUBARB** was extremely quiet. Two cases of small to medium flat High-dried, with three-quarter good fracture, sold at 1s. 4d., and 30 cases of medium to bold round horny High-dried, with three-quarter fair pinky fracture, sold at from 8d. to 8½d. per lb., partly without reserve.

**ROSIN.**—Three casks of Spanish sold without reserve for whom it may concern at 19s. per cwt.

**SARSAPARILLA.**—During the sale interval fair arrivals have taken place, especially Lima-Jamaica. A lot of 14 bales of which sold at from 1s. 1d. to 1s. 4d. per lb. for ordinary and more or less mouldy, being cheaper, and in another interest a bale sold at 1s. 7d. Genuine grey Jamaica was steady, fair selling at 1s. 8d. and partly rough at 1s. 6d. to 1s. 7d.; native Jamaica was in good demand, and 11½d. to 1s. was readily paid for fair red, 10d. to 11d. for dull and pale red, and 7d. to 9½d. for inferior yellow to ordinary pale red. Of Honduras, 10 crates sold at 1s. 6d. for Crown C.B. in triangle.

**SENEGA.**—In auction 20 bales of inferior stalky, with dried grass, sold without reserve at 1s. 7d., and for badly sea-damaged 1s. 2d. was paid. The private price of sound is 2s. 2d. net.

**SENNA.**—Although a fair quantity of Tinnevely has arrived, the continued congestion at the docks prevented the bulk being offered at the drug-auction to-day, only 250 bales being catalogued, and practically all sold at firm prices, as follows: Good bold greenish Tinnevely 10d., fair bold 7½d. to 8½d., and inferior to ordinary yellowish and stalky 6½d. to 6¾d., sea-damaged 5d. to 5½d.; Pods sold at from 5d. to 8d. per lb. Privately, Alexandrian is scarce, the value of fine whole leaf being 2s. 3d., half leaf 1s. 3d. to 1s. 9d., as to quality; siftings, if available, would be worth 10d.; medium pods have been sold in small lots at 2s. 9d., and ordinary offer at 2s. 4d.; Tinnevely pods have been sold up to 6½d. Of Alexandrian a bale of fair whole leaf sold at 1s. 6d., and a bale of half leaf at 1s. 3d. per lb.; several sales had been made privately.

**SFERMACETL.**—Four bags of dull refined American sold without reserve at 3½d. per lb.

**TONKA-BEANS.**—A lot of 19 cases Para sold cheaply without reserve at 6d. per lb. for old dried partly turning wormy. Privately, the price of sound frosted Para is from 1s. 10d. to 1s. 11d., and Angosturas about 2s. 9d. to 3s.

**WAX, BEES',** was quiet, Abyssinian and East African being obtainable at from 6l. 17s. 6d. to 7l. Of Jamaica, 25 packages sold at about steady prices, 7l. 15s. per cwt. being paid for fair colours and 7l. 10s. for dark. Fifteen mats of ordinary part foul Madagascar sold at 6l. 17s. 6d. Bleached Calcutta is held at from 8l. 12s. 6d. to 9l., according to quality. The sales in Liverpool include several parcels of Chilian at from 7l. 10s. to 8l. 16s. 3d.

### American Bromine.

According to Dr. Thomas H. Norton, the bromine-wells in and about Pomeroy, Ohio, and Mason City, W. Va., have again been put into active commission, after remaining in a state of idleness for a number of years; the present monthly production will amount to 5 or 6 tons. Dr. Norton reports that it is highly probable that at an early date American makers of bromides will be able to meet the normal demands of domestic consumption. The American output of bromine has largely been concentrated in Michigan



and Pennsylvania, in connection with the salt-industry of those States. The total output reached its maximum in the years 1905 to 1907 inclusive. It averaged during those three years 642 short tons. In 1910 it sank to 122 tons. During the past four years (1911 to 1914) the average output was 306 short tons.

#### Mauritius Logwood.

The shortage of synthetic dyes in this country and the United States has naturally greatly increased the demand for certain vegetable dyestuffs, which have in their turn risen in price and in some cases are proving very difficult to obtain. In particular there has recently been a serious scarcity of logwood in this country. In the past the chief British sources of supply have been Jamaica and British Honduras, but some years ago the Imperial Institute investigated the possibility of exporting logwood from Mauritius. A trial shipment was found to be of excellent quality, and in 1912 an offer to take a considerable quantity was obtained from a leading British dye firm. At that time, however, the price offered for the wood was not high enough to encourage the export, but, in view of the higher value at present ruling, the Imperial Institute has now succeeded in arranging for a considerable supply to be exported to England.

#### Continental Drug and Chemical Markets.

The following notes chiefly refer to the Hamburg and Berlin markets under date of January 22 and 26:

AGAR-AGAR is extremely active. First strip has been sold at m.950.

ANISE.—The stocks of Russian are almost cleared. Large quantities of Spanish have been sold at much higher than normal prices—viz., from m.190 to m.195—which is now also becoming very scarce. Natural Russian is quoted at from m.170 to m.175 per 100 kilos.

BALSAM TOLU is firmer, with demand increasing. From m.6.75 to m.7 per kilo. is quoted.

BORAX AND BORIC ACID remain in active demand, and makers have again advanced their prices. Borax is m.180 to m.185 and boric acid at from m.255 to m.260.

CALABAR BEANS have been sold in Hamburg market at m.250 per 100 kilos.

CANTHARIDES are not obtainable below m.40 per kilo.

CEVADILLA has been in good demand, and large quantities have been sold at from m.225 to m.230.

CINNABAR.—Makers have been obliged to advance their prices by m.1 to from m.9.50 to m.9.80 per kilo., according to quantity.

CITRIC ACID has been bought of late for speculation in very large quantities; consequently, with the prohibition of exportation from Switzerland, prices have advanced again to from m.15.50 to m.16 per kilo.

CLOVES.—Zanzibar are considerably higher in consequence of active demand and increasing scarcity; fair have been sold at from m.350 to m.355.

CONDURANGO.—Though the stocks are said to be very large still, prices are higher in consequence of increasing demand. First natural has been sold at from m.110 to m.115, and first sifted from m.120 to m.125.

ELENI.—Manilla remains in good demand at m.250 per 100 kilos, for good white.

FENUGREEK is becoming extremely scarce; the small quantities that can be had still are quoted at from m.72 to m.75.

GUM ARABIC.—Good natural Kordofan is m.230 to m.235. Gum Senegal is obtainable at from m.225 to m.230.

HYDROQUINONE has been advanced to from m.15.50 to m.16 per kilo. by the makers. Most probably second-hand will be obtainable at slightly lower prices.

IGNATIUS' BEANS have advanced to m.200 per kilo.

IPECACUANHA is firmer and higher, and is quoted at from m.45 to m.47.50 per kilo. for Rio now, and at m.42.50 per kilo. for Cartagena.

KOLA is in good demand still, and is quoted at from m.135 to m.140 for African quarters, and at from m.130 to m.135 per 100 kilos, for halves, according to quality.

LEAD PREPS.—White lead has been advanced by the Syndicate by m.10 per 100 kilos. to m.96.50, and white lead with oil to m.135.50 now.

LYCOPodium remains in active demand, though the prices are becoming very high, guaranteed pure being almost cleared; from m.10.50 to m.11 per kilo. and from m.950 to m.1,000 per 100 kilos. have been paid of late.

NUTMEGS are almost unobtainable; the stocks are becoming exhausted little by little. Prices are very high already, and will certainly become higher. Banda, 170 to 180 to the kilo., are from m.390 to m.400; from 210 to 220 to the kilo., from m.300 to m.310 per 100 kilos.

SENEGA has been sold at m.950 per 100 kilos., but has since advanced to from m.1,000 to m.1,050 now.



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#### Oil-of-lemon Case.

SIR,—I have been consulted by my clients, Horner & Sons, 14 Tower Hill, London, E.C., with reference to the case of Felice Bonaventura v. John Knill & Co., heard at the City of London Court on January 20 (*C. & D.*, January p. 122). From this report it would appear that the plaintiff stated that Horner & Sons inspected the oil on his behalf. But such was not the case; neither my clients nor any in authority with them had anything to do with the matter, nor had they heard of it until they read a report of the action. It appears that the plaintiff got one Harry W. Brook, a warehouse packer in my clients' employ, to make an inspection and give evidence. This was done without my clients' knowledge, concurrence, or consent. They therefore much regret that their firm's name should have been wrongfully imported into the matter, and they totally repudiate their employee's action. I trust you will give a disclaimer due publicity in your next issue.

Yours faithfully,

ELLINGTON N. BENINGFIELD

Friars House, New Broad Street, E.C.

#### Registration of Apothecaries' Assistants.

SIR,—I think it needs but a few words to give Mr. Trayner a firm and proper answer to his letter, in which he urges that certain apothecaries' assistants shall be granted registration as chemists and druggists. The few words to be found in the latter portion of the answer to Question 3, which you quote on p. 59 (*C. & D.*, February 5): "In the interest of true efficiency the ideal thing, if you start squaring is to have one proper avenue." That avenue is the Society's examination. There are many assistants who do not belong to any Association who are quite as capable of keeping an open shop as either Mr. Trayner or myself, but they have never been able to do so unless they pass the Society's examination. Then why let a certain few off?—Yours truly,

QUALIFIED. (123/52.)

SIR,—The mass of apothecaries' assistants should be kept in the lurch and receive no consideration, in Mr. Trayner's view, if only the group of apothecaries' assistants to whom he belongs could get something for nothing, by way of registration as pharmacists without examination. Of course this is absurd. If a few apothecaries' assistants are registered without examination, naturally others holding the same certificate will demand registration also. Many years ago it became an established fact that entrance to the Pharmaceutical Register was only to be obtained by passing the examinations of the Pharmaceutical Society. The public interest and the public safety demand that this position shall be firmly maintained. The real friends of apothecaries' assistants are those who urge them to prepare for and pass the examinations necessary for registration as pharmacists.

Yours truly,

ONWARD. (126/54.)

#### A Mysterious Measure.

SIR,—With reference to that "1826" measure about which there was an article in the Winter Issue (p. 134), to my mind it seems quite clear that it cannot possibly be a measure that was marked in 1826, for two reasons, one of which you name—viz., that it was not incumbent to have glass measures marked at that time—and the second reason is that, if I mistake not from your illustration, the mark has been put on by means of the sandblast; and, although I cannot say exactly when this method of marking glass was first invented, I shall be very surprised to learn that it was in use so long ago as 1826. I feel sure that the mark must be a sandblast mark, because the design has been made with a stencil, and therefore could not have been etched with fluoric acid in such a way as to leave such sharp lines.

Yours faithfully,

Manchester.

WILLIAM KIRKBY

#### Insurance Dispensing in London.

SIR,—Like your East-end correspondent (*C. & D.*, February 5, p. 58), I will not sign the contract relieving the Committee from further liability for payments, and I have written them to that effect. I would advise every chemist not to sign the contract; if they do they will be treated



the same manner as the pharmaceutical deputation. There is inefficiency of over 100% still to settle on my account for 1915, but not one penny of this, I understand, can be recovered by law. The difficulty is that we chemists are fixed on the panel again before the financial position is disclosed. What is to be done? I suggest that chemists bring pressure to bear on the Pharmaceutical Society to send immediately a deputation to the Government to explain the position and obtain redress. If this proves futile, then let the Society fight the case out in the courts to decide whether the Insurance Committee can make such a one-sided contribution. The British Medical Association fought bravely and successfully for their members. Why should not our Society do the same?

FIAT JUSTITIA. (124/50.)

#### The late Mr. Weddell.

S.—The letter of "M. P. S." (*C. & D.*, February 5, 1916), regarding the late Mr. Weddell is particularly interesting to me, and I should like to supplement it. Mr. Weddell's first experience on Tyneside was, I fancy, when he was in charge of the Tynemouth branch of Mawson & Swan—he probably opened the place. The first Mosley Street headquarters were, in my view, about the finest out of London. I was myself in charge for a fortnight or so. A profusion of mahogany and plate-glass casing and cases; more stock in the window than I have ever seen out of a wholesale house; in the cellar row upon row of barrels of cod-liver oil. Joseph Roberts, the manager, was great in the matter of stock. The staff consisted of manager, two assistants, two apprentices, porter, and boy, with a girl to put up stock. In the corner was the "Perfume Laboratory," a quite wholesale stock of perfumes; cupboards crowded, so that upon opening the door it was a clever thing to do to get what one wanted without a smash. The great fire cleared out the drug-department, and probably saved Mr. Weddell a great deal of trouble when later on he came to preside over the remnants, foregathered meanwhile at Grainger Street West. I found Mr. Weddell everything that his friends would say of him, but his natural linguistic gifts were sufficient to place him well above the rank-and-file. The airfax manuscript was a lucky find, and Mr. Weddell was just the man to rescue it from oblivion. Mawson, Swan & Morgan were doing some fine work at the time. I never understood that Mr. Weddell claimed the invention of a salt which bears the name of Cerebos. The name probably, and the success certainly, are his. I think the late Bernard Proctor had something to do with the invention, if, indeed, he was not the actual inventor. An old partnership of Swan & Proctor had existed for many years for the purpose of putting on the market some standardised oils and other preparations. While giving Mr. Weddell every credit, it will not be forgotten that his backer, Sir Joseph Swan, was a man who knew, apparently from early years, all about making money and forming companies. Although I received hundreds of letters from Joseph Roberts, I do not remember more than one from Mr. Weddell, but this one is associated with a memorable incident which occurred at Tynemouth—not forgetting that all this took place nearly forty years ago, and that "other times, other manners," of course. When I took over the Tynemouth branch I found among the other stock about two and a half chests of tea. There was no particular sale for this, but then it was, and had been no doubt for some time. The first second summer I was there in comes one evening Mrs. R., wife of a well-known Newcastle doctor long since deceased. Mrs. R. was of a type well known and not over-popular. She was very chatty, displayed a fat-looking pursy face, and gave her order for various items, all of which must be put in at the lowest price, because the doctor always gets these at wholesale prices, for cash, at Grainger Street, and so on. Then, "Tea! Have you any tea?" "Yes," "Indian tea?" "Yes," "Really good and fresh?" Then follows a homily about the doctor, and his palate, the aroma, etc., etc. Repeating all this two or three times in an order eventuates for 1 lb. of the excellent Indian tea, for which I asked 7½d., so that the goods at possible prices had to be booked. During the following winter Mrs. R. paid the account at one of the New-castle shops, getting another 5 per cent. knocked off, to my exceeding disgust. Two years went by and the tea, because of oil, lasted out well—probably half a chest used. The mice had nested in this—quite correct and in one corner, I noticed. The errand-boy and I had to get out this last chest, and between us killed a dozen or so of mice. But, as I say, the damage done was quite local and to the eye and nose the bulk was all right. However, the next fine summer evening brings with it Mrs. R., and the dialogue above is repeated, and the doctor's reputation as a "tea-taster" is again insisted upon. I sold her a pound of this tea, and thought no more of the matter.

During the following autumn, however, Mr. Weddell wrote "that when Mrs. R. was staying two months earlier she bought some tea from us which they all liked so much that if any of this particular chest remained would I have it packed and sent up, as Mrs. R. wanted to secure the lot?" I have never met the chemist unable to cap this story, as I could myself, in fact; but I have thought Mr. Weddell did not enjoy it quite as much as I did the narration some time afterwards, but I did not know at the time that he was a great friend, and had probably enjoyed some of the same brew. I have never since then paid much attention to amateur connoisseurs and expert tea-tasters, etc. But all these good folk have passed away. *Pax cineribus!*

Yours, etc.,

Nottingham.

J. PIKE.

### Subscribers' Symposium.

For interchange of opinion among "C. & D." readers, and brief notes on business and practical topics, especially new ideas.

#### Price of Bromide Mixture.

"In reference to the price that should be charged for the bromide mixture (*C. & D.*, January 29, p. 183), for the past thirteen years we have dispensed a 6-oz. mixture almost identical, but without the glycerin. Up to June last year we charged 1s. 6d., then the price was raised to 3s., but now we are charging 4s. 6d. This is really too little with the present tendency of the ingredients."—*T. W. T.* (119/24).

#### Appreciations.

"I duly received your Winter Issue, and beg you to accept my very best congratulations. It is a record of scientific, industrial, and commercial information. Many of my French *confrères* to whom I have shown it admire this handsome and rich pharmaceutical publication. 'No Continental journal,' they said, 'could compete with THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST Winter Issue; our English Allies alone are able, owing to their skill in making up magazines and illustrated books, to create such an interesting professional journal.' The fact is that of all Continental journals with which I am acquainted—French, Belgian, Dutch, Swiss, and even German—none is so complete, so up to date, and contains so many addresses of wholesale firms, speciality-makers, and manufacturing chemists. Three points I like especially are these: THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST is a weekly newspaper; it contains the latest market prices; and foreign news, enemy as well as Allied, is published every week."—*V. Renneboog.*

#### Warning to Photographic Chemists.

*Durbin's Drug-stores (Wimbledon), Ltd.*, send the following warning: "On Tuesday last a well-dressed man, accompanied by a child of about six years, came into our establishment and asked to see a 'Popular Pressman' camera, value 10l. 16s. When shown to him, he said he would take it, but, as he had not the money with him, would we let a messenger take the camera with him to his house, and he would pay the boy. The messenger went off with the man and the child, and he took him down a quiet road, snatched the camera away from the boy, and ran with it and the child to a tram at the end of the road, which he boarded, and disappeared. The police state that the man has successfully done the same thing before, and will doubtless do it again. He threw the messenger a note on the back of a quarter-plate print as he disappeared, which happened to be a print of the child he had with him, telling the boy to call at a certain address for the money. Needless to say, at the address given he was not known."

### Miscellaneous Inquiries.

When samples are sent particulars should be supplied to us as to their origin, what they are, what they are used for and how. We do not undertake to analyse and report upon proprietary articles nor to publish supposed formulas for them.

We do not as a rule repeat information which has been given in this section during the past twelve months, but give the reference to the issues in which the information may be found. If querists cannot refer to these, they may obtain the numbers from the "C. & D." Office at the published price, usually 6d.

*W. A. R.* (119/1).—THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST is the name of a weekly journal of chemistry, pharmacy, the drug-trade, and allied occupations, supplied at 12s. 6d. per twelve months in advance. It is not an organisation for lending anybody books.

*A. J. C.* (124/34).—"HONEY AND FLOWERS."—See *C. & D.*, September 25, 1915, p. 82.



*Jack* (115/33).—REDUCING COLOCYNTH-PULP to very fine powder is scarcely an operation that can be done on a small scale, owing to the toughness of the drug. Buhrstone mills, which act by friction and contusion, are employed; in these the stones are placed horizontally, one of the stones being in revolution. The irritating nature of the dust requires also special precautions, the mill being enclosed or the workers provided with respirators. The colocynth must be recently dried before powdering. Formerly the method of powdering by mediation is stated to have been employed—*e.g.*, moistening with mucilage of tragacanth, and drying—but nowadays no foreign matter is used by drug-grinders.

*D. L.* (109/42), *H. M. T.* (113/1), and *F. S.* (125/20).—We cannot undertake the identification of samples of drugs and chemicals.

*T. K.* (124/25).—TOILET-CREAM.—This consists of tallow, white soft paraffin, and bismuth oxychloride. You will need to make a few experiments to decide the proportions.

*W. E. M.* (113/67).—(1) CHEST-AND-LUNG BALSAM:

|                   |     |     |         |
|-------------------|-----|-----|---------|
| Linseed           | ... | ... | 2 oz.   |
| Liquorice extract | ... | ... | 4 oz.   |
| Anise oil         | ... | ... | 2 dr.   |
| Squill oxymel     | ... | ... | 6 pints |
| Tolu syrup        | ... | ... | 2 pints |
| Capsicum tincture | ... | ... | 1 oz.   |
| Treacle           | ... | ... | 6 pints |
| Distilled water   | ... | ... | 4 pints |

(2) CHILDREN'S COUGH-MIXTURE:

|                    |     |     |        |
|--------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Ipecacuanha-wine   | ... | ... | 6 dr.  |
| Mucilage           | ... | ... | 6 oz.  |
| Anise oil          | ... | ... | 2m     |
| Nutmeg oil         | ... | ... | 1m     |
| Pennyroyal oil     | ... | ... | 2m     |
| Peppermint oil     | ... | ... | 1m     |
| Sassafras oil      | ... | ... | 3m     |
| Chloroform spirit  | ... | ... | 3 dr.  |
| Asafetida tincture | ... | ... | 5m     |
| Castor tincture    | ... | ... | 10m    |
| Syrup              | ... | ... | 6 oz.  |
| Squill oxymel      | ... | ... | 12 oz. |

Dose: 5j. to 3ij.

*H. J. S.* (101/45).—ODOURLESS ICHTHYOL.—There are several processes by which the odour of ichthyol can be destroyed. One method was given in the *C. & D.*, August 23, 1915, p. 61, under the name ichthoform, and ichthalbin (*C. & D.*, March 13, 1915, p. 98) is put forward by the makers as an odourless and tasteless form of ichthyol. The following is another method devised by Helmers, who is connected with the Ichthyol Co.:

Mix 200 parts of ammonia ichthyol with 250 parts of distilled water and 100 parts of hydrogen peroxide (10 vols.). The mixture is allowed to stand in the cold until the peculiar odour of ichthyol has disappeared, and is then evaporated to a volume of 200. If the mixture previous to evaporation be of an acid reaction, it must be neutralised with ammonia. Care should be taken to avoid a large excess of hydrogen peroxide, and evaporation should take place as soon as deodorisation is complete.

*A. L. T.* (91/17).—SKIN-OINTMENT.—We have examined the sample of ointment which you sent, and find that it contains as a basis lead plaster and lard, and possibly some lanoline, the perfume being a few drops of clove oil. We have not the time to work out the proportions of the ingredients, but you should not have any difficulty in synthesising the preparation on the lines indicated above.

*Rad. Rhei* (124/64).—HAIR-FIXING CREAM to suit your label:

|                         |     |     |        |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Powdered tragacanth     | ... | ... | gr. L. |
| Essence of Parma violet | ... | ... | mL.    |
| Rectified spirit        | ... | ... | 3iiss. |
| Glycerin                | ... | ... | 3iss.  |
| Distilled water to      | ... | ... | 3x.    |

Mix the essence and spirit, and with them damp the tragacanth, then add the glycerin and water, and shake well. The perfume can be increased or altered to suit your requirements.

*Wales* (121/21).—(1) SODIUM-SALICYLATE SOLUTION.—See *C. & D.*, August 21, 1915, p. 60. (2) ZINC SULPHATE can be made by dissolving zinc, zinc oxide, or zinc carbonate in dilute sulphuric acid, evaporating the solution, and crystallising; but it is not a paying proposition to make the salt on a small scale.

*Sealock* (125/2).—RHEUMATISM-LINIMENT.—The following is the type of liniment you require, and for general sale the proportion of turpentine should not be too large:

|                      |     |     |        |
|----------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Soap liniment        | ... | ... | 10 oz. |
| Turpentine oil       | ... | ... | 5 oz.  |
| Tincture of capsicum | ... | ... | 1 oz.  |
| Methylated ether     | ... | ... | ½ oz.  |
| Tincture of opium    | ... | ... | 2 oz.  |

Mix.

*H. R.* (124/37).—VIOLET OIL.—The formulae we involve the use of certain synthetic odours which are not now available. You can, however, produce a fairly good violet oil for the hair by the use of a basis of bleached expressed oil of mustard or olive oil to which ionone, bergamot oil, cassia oil, and jasmine oil are added as the perfume. The violet oil obtained at the French perfume farms is, however, preferable, and you will find that a mixture of 2 parts each of cassia oil (No. 6), jasmine oil (No. 6), violet oil (No. 24), with 5 parts of olive oil makes a highly odorous compound, although rather expensive.

*Atain* (125/15).—TERMS OF APPRENTICESHIP.—It is now quite usual to pay wages to outdoor apprentices, the amount varying according to the part of the country in which they reside. Recently the rate of remuneration has advanced, so that now 50*l.* for a three-years' apprenticeship may be regarded as a minimum, payable, *e.g.*, 10*l.* in the first year, 15*l.* in the second, and 25*l.* in the third, either weekly, monthly, or otherwise, as is agreed upon.

*C. T. N.* (117/20) and *H. A. E.* (116/40).—ELECTRIC SNUFF.—It is acridine that is used to make this compound, but we hope no chemist will supply it. There is considerable risk of prosecution if the "snuff" is sold.

## Who Said This?

We have selected from famous authors things that they have said which pertain directly or indirectly to pharmacy or medicine. We propose to print these week by week, and we ask our subscribers to say who the authors were. In the quotation printed last week was:

"Prevention is the art of policy."

This week's quotation is:

"She arrived at the drug-flavoured region of Ming Lane, with the sensation of having just opened a drawer in a chemist's shop."

Tell us on a postcard who said this, giving your name and address. We shall award a copy of Wootton's "Cyclopedia of Pharmacy," in two volumes, or of "Pharmaceutical Formulas," to the *C. & D.* subscriber or his assistant who correctly gives us the names of the authors of the quotations which we publish in our issues this month, including the Winter Issue, January 29. Replies received later than ten days after the quotation is published will not have priority of choice when we come to adjudicate the prize-winner.

## Retrospect of Fifty Years Ago.

Reprinted from "The Chemist and Druggist," Feb. 15, 1861

### An Annual Treat.

The workpeople employed at the Ellesmere Patent Lint Co.'s works, Runcorn, had their annual treat on Monday, the 15th ult. The large new drying-shed was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags and evergreens. The entertainment was a happy combination of tea and supper, and about eighty persons were gratified at the tables. The chair was taken by Mr. Armitage, of Altringham, principal of the company. Mr. S. Shaw Brown, originator of the festival, spared no pains to make it a perfect success, and was actively supported by Mr. Boulton of Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. Kenright, of Runcorn, and other visitors. After tea Mr. Armitage addressed the workpeople, and gave them some good advice in a brief spirit. Mr. S. Shaw Brown, the manager, in a most interesting speech, gave a short history of the lint-trade at the works at Runcorn. The results of the application of steam-power to the manufacture of lint were illustrated by many striking facts. It appears that with the aid of the new patent machinery now employed at Runcorn, a young woman can make 3,000 yards of beautiful lint in a week, or more than eighty women would have made two years ago; and she gets better wages from her farthing pound than the hand-worker got from her 8*d.* a pound.

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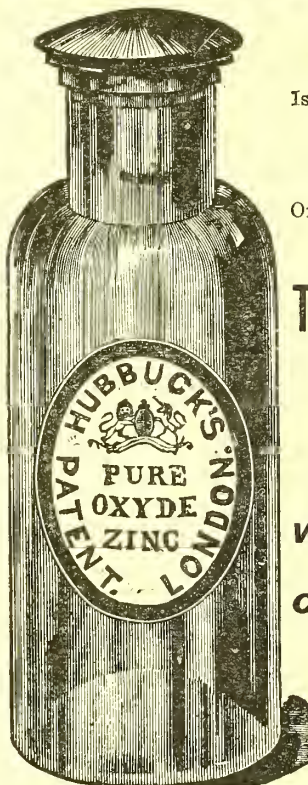
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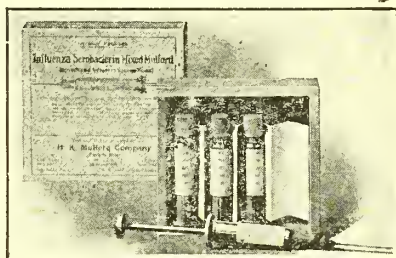
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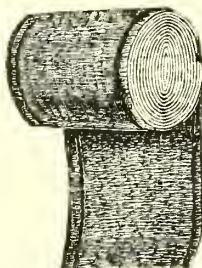
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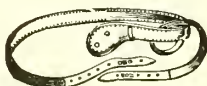
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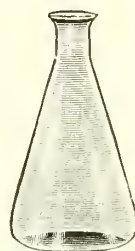
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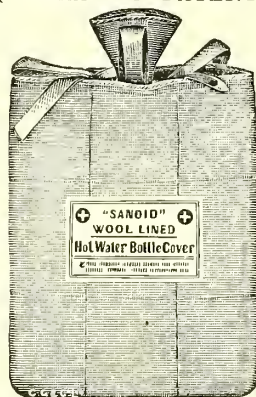
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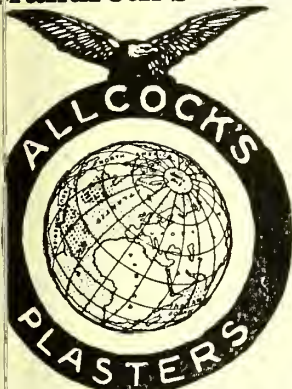
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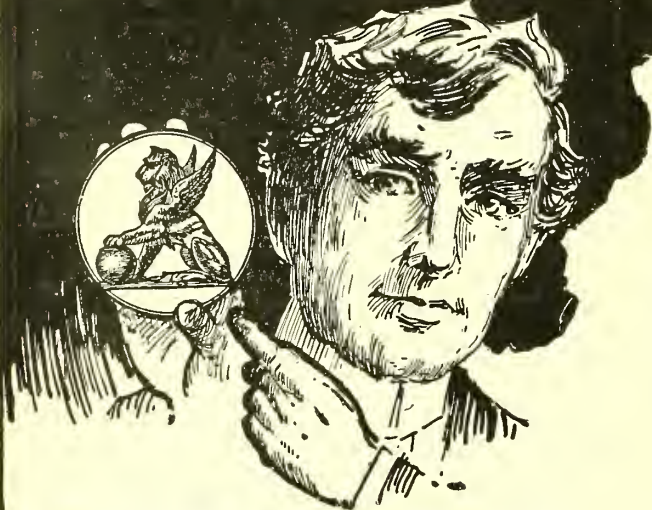
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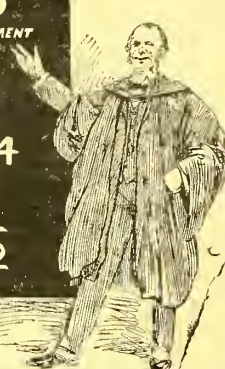
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WANTED, Assistant for Dispensing business; outdoors. Apply, with usual particulars, Sells & Son, Tunbridge Wells.

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WANTED, one unqualified Assistant with good-class experience, not eligible for the Army; also one Drug Warehouseman for filling and despatching orders. Apply, stating particulars, to Wilson & Kitchin, Wholesale and Retail Chemists, Whitehaven.



**WANTED**, Assistant with thorough knowledge and experience in the Manufacture of Pills, Tablets, Sugar-coating, etc., to take charge of department; permanent and progressive position to suitable person. Apply, stating age and salary required. "Wholesale Pharmacist" (127/42), Office of this Paper.

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**WET Counter**.—Experienced man wanted; good wages and permanency. Apply, "C. S." (214/16), Office of this Paper.

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### [HOME.] RETAIL.

**A**CTIVE; unqualified; married; 24; 10 years' good all-round experience; permanency; disengaged. 214/36, Office of this Paper.

**A**DVERTISER desires Managership; 21 years experience; recently qualified; aged 38; married; London, outer suburbs, or Home Counties preferred. "W.," 257 High Street, Ponders End, N.

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**A**SSISTANT or Manager; 35; quick and accurate Dispenser; good Counterman; 15 years' experience; good City and West-End references; fluent French and Italian. Address, "H. G. M." (213/2), Office of this Paper.

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**A**SSISTANT (24), smart, well up in English and French Pharmacy, seeks place in good-class Pharmacy, London or South; excellent references. P. Carter, 41 Boulevard Strasbourg, Le Havre.

**A**SSISTANT; good Dispensing, Photographic, Counter, Windows; outdoors; London districts preferred. "Jothian" (213/24), Office of this Paper.

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**A**SSISTANT, unqualified, energetic, reliable, over military age, modern business man; experienced Dispenser, Prescriber, Counter, desires engagement early date; London, West or S.W. preferred. 216/14, Office of this Paper.

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**D**ISENGAGED.—Appointment desired as Manager; elderly gentleman; acquainted with all departments; active and reliable; good address; under Full details, terms, to "Eucalyptus," 49 Gonville Heath, S.E.

**D**ISPENSER (lady, unqualified) requires situation in Chester district. Edghill, Bramber, Hale, & Co., Chester.

**H**OSPITAL Dispenser (lady) has mornings and evenings free; West district. 214/12, Office of this Paper.

**L**ADY Assistant; 24; able to dispense; Part-time; Ilford or near. "G.," 205 Monega Road, M. & Co., Ilford.

**L**ADY Dispenser (unqualified) requires post with salary in Hospital; London; good references. "H.," 214/12, Office of this Paper. 214/12, Office of this Paper. 214/12, Office of this Paper. 214/12, Office of this Paper.

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"The Chemist and Druggist," 42 Cannon Street, London, E.C.

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## Sale of Morphine Lamels.

At the instance of the Pharmaceutical Society, Savory & Moore, Ltd., New Bond Street, London, W., were summoned on February 10 at Marlborough Street Police Court for selling morphine and cocaine lamels without taking the precautions required by the Pharmacy Acts. Mr. Glyn-Jones, for the prosecution, gave particulars of an advertisement in "The Times," and stated that an agent of the Society, Mr. Branch, replied to the advertisement and was sent a card from which to make a selection. He selected a dozen of the little packets, and of that dozen one contained morphine and another cocaine. These were in envelopes marked with the word "Poison." There were directions for use and a caution as to the amount of the dose. In these respects counsel said there was no complaint; but Mr. Branch was quite unknown to the defendants, and the law required that poisons should not be sold except to a person known to the vendor or introduced to him by somebody who was known. An entry was also required to be made in a book kept for the purpose of the fact of the sale, the name and address of the purchaser, the name of the poison, the quantity sold, and the purpose for which it was alleged to be required. Mr. Kirby, for the defence, pleaded guilty, but spoke of the very high reputation of his clients. During the 120 years the firm had been in existence this was the only case of the kind that had ever been alleged against them, and this was due to the inadvertence of an assistant acting contrary to the instructions of the principals. A fine of one guinea, with three guineas costs, was imposed.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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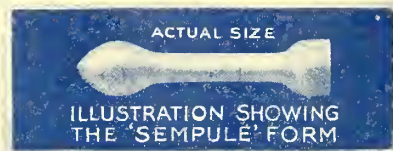
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